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## Pious brothers on 'The Amazing Race'

Inquiring minds wonder: 'Did they win the \$1,000,000 grand prize?'

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BARRINGTON — Dan Pious, 24, hates to travel, yet he and his brother, Jordan, 22, competed in the reality television show,

"The Amazing Race."

Jordan, in stark



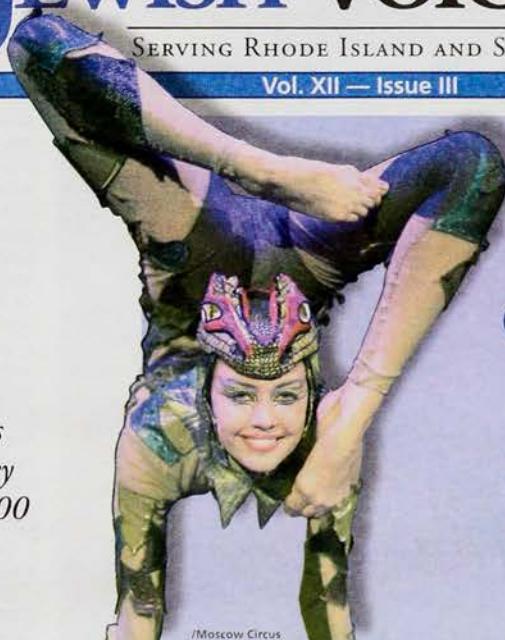
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DAN, LEFT, AND JORDAN PIOUS  
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## Creating a sustainable community

Agency leaders explain recent actions

BY JOHN LANDRY  
Special to the Voice & Herald

*Editor's Note: The Jan. 22 issue of The Voice & Herald ("Key agencies will operate as one") reported that the JFRI, the JCCRI and the BJE/RI will integrate their operations and programs with the goal of improving the quality and availability of programs and services for the community. This is the second in a series of occasional stories about these changes.*

## A journal from Haiti

BY LIOR ETZIONY

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (JTA) — When I saw the news alert about a 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Haiti, I was at work. I knew enough to know this was a big one.

By the next morning, I had decided I wanted to go down there to help. I just wasn't quite sure how.

I called my good friend, Dr. Craig Zebuda, who specializes in emergency medicine, and asked him to join me. Craig agreed without hesitation. I then got on the phone with a philanthropist whose huge heart I knew I could count on. "I want to help," I told her.

"So do I," she said. "What do you need?"



LIOR ETZIONY CAPTURES footage outside the damaged National Palace in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Jan. 17.

We were on a plane to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on our own private rescue mission. The plan was to rent a car and

drive to Haiti right after buying all the things we forgot to pack.

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PROVIDENCE — The corner of Sessions and Elmwood has been buzzing in the past month as the boards of the three big agencies housed there voted to encourage the process of combining into a single entity. In interviews, the presidents of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI), the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island (JCCRI) and the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island (BJE/RI), discussed the background and next steps for the change.

Doris Feinberg, JFRI president, said the integration would be the second major move in a process to "realign the way our community does business." A comprehensive review of the community in 2008 had revealed some duplication: multiple agen-

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## Zest for teaching, traveling inspires fellowship

### Third World physicians gain knowledge

BY NANCY KIRSCH  
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PROVIDENCE — Dining with Paul Silver, the son of Carol Silver, M.D., a retired orthopedic surgeon, is an experience; he won't eat anything raw that could or should be cooked. Paul learned that lesson from his father, who traveled to Third World countries where food preparation was questionable, at best, and taught orthopedics along

the way.

In honor of their father's 94th birthday in 2007, Paul and his sisters, June and Susan, incorporated *tikkun olam* into their gift. The endowed fund they established at The Miriam Hospital, the Carol M. Silver, M.D. Fund for Physician Support for International Service, "supports doctors in their efforts to train physicians and medical students, and to provide aid in countries where the practice of orthopedics is not so advanced," Paul said.

The fund allowed Dr. Marc Tompkins, now a fellow in orthope-



THE VIEW OUTSIDE Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Malawi. It is Malawi's equivalent of Rhode Island Hospital.

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/Marc Tompkins, M.D.

## COMMUNITY

**The Russians are coming, the Russians are coming***The Moscow Circus cavorts in Cranston*

BY NANCY KIRSCH  
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SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Sasha Vosk, producer of the Moscow Circus, juggled phone calls to me for this interview as he packed up the circus performers before they headed off to their next destination — Bermuda.

The Moscow Circus is rolling into Rhode Island, for a one-night performance at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12 at the newly-restored Park Theater, the Rhode Island Center for Performing Arts. With a few hundred Russian Jews living in the area, we wanted to find out more about the Moscow Circus.

**Q:** Who is your competition? What circuses are most like yours?

**A:** Actually, other circuses — including Cirque du Soleil — are compared to the Moscow Circus. The Moscow Circus has been a premier circus since the 1950s. It's a strong industry in Russia, developed first by the Bolsheviks and then the Soviets. It's a nonthreatening and terrific entertainment that appeals to the masses.

**Q:** What is the relationship between the Moscow Circus and the Russian government?

**A:** The Moscow Circus is still a governmental organization, but it's not nearly as well-supported or nourished as it used to be. It's become more much entrepreneurial for the circus performers. Earlier, the circus was something that the Soviet government could show



/Moscow Circus

## AN ACROBAT PERFORMS.

to other countries as something positive — as it did with Soviet gymnasts.

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the U.S., works with the official Moscow Circus... we borrow the talent and create our own show.

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became a leading lady in the show; now, we have two young children who I hope will join the circus business later. Since they were four or five months old, we took them on the road — it was a wonderful life. Now that they're a bit older, though, they stay home [in Greenpoint, N.Y.]

**Q:** Give us a hint of what people will see at the Moscow Circus?

**A:** They'll see genres that they might have seen before, but presented in a different way. Imagine a more down-to-earth Cirque du Soleil. Our circus is very easy to relate to, very down-to-earth. I spend time and energy looking for exceptionally talented people. We have 18 performers (all Russian), an American production designer and an American lighting designer and one "Smart Dog," who is a partner in the acrobatic duo.

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**Q:** Why are people so often afraid of clowns?

**A:** I have no idea. It's a very surprising phenomenon to us, and one that is, I think, American. Everywhere else, and especially in Russia, they are the most loved and respected [performers].

Moscow Circus clowns play such an important role — the show is built around the clown, but not the same clown as an American clown. In Russia, the clown is very important; the clown holds the whole show together.

**Q:** What do you know of your Jewish roots?

**A:** As far as we can trace back, our family has been Ukrainian-Jewish for generations. I don't practice Judaism, but I have Jewish blood and thoughts. I'm a product of the Soviet times and oppressions.

**Q:** What does the circus mean to you? Why should people come to the circus?

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**IN RUSSIA, THE clowns are well-loved, not feared.**

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## Taglit-Birthright inspires plans for return to Israel

*Local youth more connected to Judaism*

By JOSH ORSON  
*Special to The Voice & Herald*

**A**FTER SITTING ON a packed plane — filled only with Taglit-Birthright ("Birthright") teenagers — for 11 straight hours, we finally landed. I was sitting near the front of the plane, so as soon as we landed, I rushed to get through the plane door.

What happened next was something that none of us was ready for. As we looked outside, there must have been 200 screaming people from all around the country, including representatives from Israel's newspapers and television stations. We didn't know that we were one of the first Birthright groups since the Bernard Madoff scheme, and we didn't know that it was also Birthright's 10th anniversary. For all of us, this entrance

was nothing short of amazing.

I later joined my group, Israel Outdoors, which gives participants a feel for the land of Israel by walking and hiking. Birthright breaks into smaller groups, and Israel Outdoors, which I selected to join, was just one of several such groups. On the first day, the 41 individuals assigned to Israel Outdoors were driven to the Golan Heights, in northern Israel. There, we visited the historic city of Safed, a former Syrian base, an Israeli winery, an Israeli olive oil farm and we hiked up an historic mountain. That was around the same time that we met up with Israeli soldiers; Birthright arranges a five-day immersion program for Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers whose English skills are sufficient, who then join the tours. Although they're not there for protection for us, it gives us an idea of what the IDF is really like, as we hang out with soldiers.

From there, our group traveled south to Jerusalem where we spent the next three days. After going to the Arab markets and seeing all of the new city of Jerusalem, we went to Mount Scopus and, from there, we could view the entire Old City. After seeing Jerusalem for the first time, it was time to explore the city and its history. We went to the Western Wall and spent Shabbat there. After exploring Jerusalem, we went south and



Birthright participants disembark from the El Al plane onto Israeli soil.

climbed Masada and a mountain called Mount Solomon, one of the only places in the world where you can view four different countries — Israel, Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. In southern Israel, we went to both the Red and Dead seas. We visited the Negev Desert and, at one point, our group all meditated.

Our last stop before we left was Tel Aviv. In 10 days, our group did all of this and more. I would strongly encourage anyone who is eligible for Birthright to at least apply to go. The organization can't take everyone who applies, but if you can go, go. I can guarantee that the 10 days there will change your life, as it did for me.

For me, seeing Israel reaffirmed my love for history. History has always been my passion, though our history in the United States is only a few hundred years old. When you are a history buff and step into Jerusalem — a place with history that is thousands of years old, it boggles your mind.

This trip was also important for its spiritual aspects. I have never been a very religious person but I have also been fascinated in Middle Eastern cultures and spirituality. I felt that I was a more spiritual person after this trip, from the individual meditation at the Western Wall and our group meditation in the Negev. As a result, I feel more connected to my Jewish faith. I am already starting to think about my next trip to Israel.

*Birthright-Taglit, a nonprofit program, offers Jews, ages 18-26 (who have not been to Israel by age 18) the opportunity to visit Israel for 10 days, at no charge. An application is required. For more information on Birthright-Taglit, visit [www.birthrightisrael.com](http://www.birthrightisrael.com).*

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Jeffrey Hollis Photography  
A view of Masada

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## Taking risks

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**TAKING RISKS** IS easy for some of us, life-threatening for others.

Think about the binding of Isaac. Abraham took a huge risk – a risk that he would literally lose his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice to God. Even if God spared Isaac – as he did – Abraham risked completely destroying his relationship with Isaac or Sarah.

Moses took a risk – and had to deal with plenty of Jews who kvetched and complained their way through – when he lead our ancestors through the desert.

When Noah built an ark and filled it with animals to survive the Great Flood...

When the Temple was rebuilt....

Our Bible is replete with story after story of our ancestors who took risks – some that worked out and certainly some that didn't.

Since I'm more comfortable with modern history than biblical history, I'd like to relate some modern stories, including some of my own history, that have shaped my beliefs that we "Take Risks."

An individual who left school when he was 12, yet received honorary degrees from Yale and Oxford universities, penned of my favorite quotes about risk. He wrote: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

I am living proof that Mark Twain – who wrote those words – was right.

It's been far more than 20 years since I failed to take certain risks, failed to dream and discover, and I am still disappointed.

One of those failures involves my year in Israel in 1972. I went to Israel for a "gap year" after high school, long before anyone had ever heard of a gap year. My mother's message to me, albeit unspoken, was, "What in God's name are you going to do hanging around in Israel... Just go to college to meet a man and get married."

The good news is that I did take a risk – I went to Israel with absolutely no knowledge of Hebrew and navigated my way through an incredibly insightful, informative and introspective eight months in Israel and several weeks afterward traveling through Europe.

So, back to Israel – our kibbutz took us to the Negev, the Sinai and Eilat. I remember plenty of Bedouins and camels and enough Uzi machine guns to keep us safe. Everyone on the trip – everyone but me, that is – climbed Mount Sinai.

Me...no... and that I REALLY

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## Biblical prophets inspire us to higher action

FOR THE NEXT four months, I will have the privilege of guiding a junior at Moses Brown School in Providence through a course of independent study. With the full cooperation of the school's religious studies faculty, we will be taking a close look at certain of the Hebrew prophets: Amos, Hosea, First Isaiah, Jeremiah and Second Isaiah. In addition, we will be tackling Abraham Joshua Heschel's magnum opus, *The Prophets*, with an eye towards trying to define the unique

characteristics of biblical prophecy. What makes this teaching opportunity particularly sweet for me is that my Moses Brown student was my bar mitzvah student not so many years ago.

Many people hold the misconception that the biblical prophet was a man who could predict the future. In actuality it is more accurate to describe the prophet as a "forthteller" rather than a "foreteller." The prophet was a man who felt compelled to "tell it like it is," as he was continually railing against the social ills within his contemporary society and warning his fellow Israelites of the dire consequences of tolerating wide scale injustice and corruption. His concern was not with the future, but with the here and now. The prophet's predictions were always conditional: If you persist in your evildoing, then you will surely bring disaster upon yourselves. On the other hand, if you turn away from your wicked ways, then you will bring good fortune to your community.

Heschel attempts to plumb the depth of the prophet's soul. What gives the prophet the right to declare, "Ko Amar Adonai, Thus says the LORD"? Heschel arrives at the insight

stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

## IT SEEMS TO ME

## Thus says the Lord

that what made the Biblical prophet so special was that he had "sympathy with the Divine pathos." What Heschel means by this is that the prophet had an uncanny ability to feel what God "feels." It is Heschel's view, then, that the God the prophets worshipped is most certainly not the "Unmoved Mover" of the philosophers. Quite the contrary, the God of the prophets is "most moved" by the plight of the widow, the orphan, those most vulnerable in biblical society. It was the particular circumstances in the life of the individual prophet that brings him into sympathy with particular aspects of God's feelings – that is to say, sympathy with the Divine pathos.

The biography of the prophet Hosea can serve to illustrate Heschel's central insight. We read in the first chapter of the Book of Hosea that he married a woman named Gomer bat Diblaim, who bore him two sons and a daughter. Unfortunately, Gomer proved to be compulsively adulterous, and the couple separated. Nevertheless, so great was Hosea's love for Gomer, so painful the separation that eventually he took her back.

Out of his intense personal suffering, Hosea was able to intuit, to sympathize with the pain that God must have felt at the infidelity of Israel's idolatry: "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son. The more I called them, the more they went from Me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols." (Hosea 11:1-2) To continue the parallel between Hosea's inner turmoil and God's pathos, just as Hosea felt compelled to take Gomer back, so too did God feel the desire to take back Israel: "And I will take you for My wife forever; and I will take you for My wife in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy. I will take you for My wife in faithfulness, and you shall know the LORD." (Hosea 2:21-22)

Heschel insists that biblical prophecy cannot be explained as an act of ecstasy or as an act of poetic inspiration or as an act of madness. What makes the prophets unique

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– or so Heschel would have us affirm – is that they, and only they, had the capacity to be in sympathy with the Divine pathos. In

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his chapter on "Prophecy and Poetic Inspiration," Heschel writes of the prophet that "The stern and steadfast certainty of being inspired by God, of speaking in His name is derived from the unequivocal awareness of the Source of his experience." A page later he says of prophecy, "Structurally, it may be described as a subject-subject-relationship."

I do not doubt that the biblical prophets had an intense subjective sense of God's presence. I do not doubt that they had an unusual spiritual and moral sensitivity. It is not an exaggeration to call these men religious geniuses. It is the word "certainty" that forces me to take issue with Heschel. It seems to me that not even Hosea, not even Jeremiah could claim, with absolute certainty, to be speaking the word of God. Nevertheless, I would argue that it is enough that their words continue to inspire us, to challenge us, to guide us two-and-one-half millennia after they were uttered. Ultimately, the power of the prophets lies not in the power of their certainty, but in the power of their sympathy.

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## FROM THE OLD OLIVETTI Greece's glory is gone

*Anti-Semitic words and deeds are disturbing*

THE WORST-KEPT secret in literature is that Homer the Greek depicted the Trojans as innocent victims of circumstance in general and of Greek blood lust in particular. The invading Greeks are described as barbarians while Troy is seen as a utopia. It has broad streets, wise rulers, industrious women, and of course Hector and Andromache, the noblest of the noble. Yet we think of the Greeks positively. We admire the Parthenon and other architectural treasures; we are impressed with its sculpture; we live longer because it was a Greek who opened the world's eyes to the fact that disease is the



**Josh Stein**

result of natural, not supernatural, causes. Ours is a government based on the writings of Plato (not *The Republic* which manages to blend the worst elements of fascism and Communism, but his *Laws* and his *Statesman*). Our geometry is Euclidian of Pythagorean elements thrown in. And yet. And yet even the greatest of Greek cities, Athens built the Parthenon with money stolen from its reluctant allies. Athens thought nothing of destroying a neutral city because it refused to become its ally (read "slave") and Athens couldn't take the critiques of Socrates and so had him executed. The glory that was Greece is a bit tarnished, both in literature and in history. And now again. For a long time there was little anti-Semitism in Greece. Yes, there were crazy right-wingers there, but Nazism has a bad name in most countries the Germans occupied. However, with the coming of the Gaza War last year, politicians and pundits on both the left and right of the political spectrum have been spewing anti-Semitic remarks. And then the arsons and desecrations started. On the island of Crete, the Etz Hayyim synagogue was torched, then saved for

a while by two Albanians and a Palestinian immigrant who lived across the street and alerted the fire brigade. But the building was saved only for a while. A second fire was more successful, and while the first did not evoke condemnation by the Greek government, the second one did. "The attack on the Etz Hayyim Synagogue not only constitutes an attack on one of

Defamation League: "The Government, I, personally, as well as the entire Greek nation, condemn this abominable act in the strongest possible terms."

Well, maybe he does, but the entire Greek nation seems to be of two minds. A well-known anti-Semite, Kostas Plevris wrote a 1,400 page book condemning Jews. He was brought to trial by the Greek chapter of the Helsinki Human Rights Monitor and the Anti-Nazi Initiative. And after a long trial, he was found innocent of incitement to violence against Jews. Even the prosecutor referred to his screed, *Jesus: The Whole Truth*, as "a scientific work." In 2009, the Jewish cemetery of Ioannina was vandalized four times. Graves and a Holocaust memorial were destroyed and body parts were unearthed. A high-ranking police officer caught in the cemetery immediately after one of the incidents was not questioned by authorities. Neither the mayor, the governor nor the highest-ranking priest in the city condemned the outrage. George Karatzaferis, the leader of the far-right political party LAOS wrote an article in his weekly newspaper calling the Jews "Christ killers" and saying that the

"blood of the Jews stinks." Left-wing leaders refused to condemn the anti-Semitic incidents or even join Greece's commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day in late January. "There are no good Jews," said Jimmy Panousis, a well-known liberal radio personality on his show. "Jews are pigs and murderers, but fortunately their days are numbered." The newspaper *Avriani*, blames American Jews for causing the global economic crisis, warning that American Jews were plotting to set off World War III.

Piraeus Serafim of the Greek Orthodox Church warned of "Zionist monsters with sharp claws." Salonica Anthimos, another church official known for his anti-Jewish statements said Jews were being punished for killing Christ. A whole nation cannot be condemned for the rantings of a few. But let's keep an eye on Greece, whose glory days are long gone, but whose ancestors even then were not above a massacre of innocents.

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**"In 2009, the Jewish cemetery of Ioannina was vandalized. Graves and a Holocaust memorial were destroyed and body parts were unearthed."**

the remaining Jewish monuments in the island of Crete, but also an attack against the history and the cultural heritage of our homeland, Greece," Prime Minister George Papandreou wrote to the Anti-

### NOT ALONE

## 'Day of Learning' honors Alan Zuckerman

*A full Jewish life includes text study*

I USED TO SHARE this space. I thought of it as the "Alan space." My column appears every other issue, and until about a year ago, the alternating issues featured Alan

Zuckerman, of blessed memory. I know many of us still find it rather difficult to believe he is no longer here.

In his column, "Now Batting," he addressed many issues (and never shied away from controversial ones), but he returned time and again to the topic of Jewish education. He urged his readers to take the opportunity to learn Jewish texts and Jewish thought, and to do so seriously. And so, in his column, in this space, he invited you to join him in the endeavor.

For two years he organized, at Congregation Beth Shalom in Providence, what has become the annual Day of Learning. The first year's event was held to honor Dr. David Gottlieb, a professor of mathematics at Brown University

and a long-time member and pillar of the Congregation Beth Shalom community. That year, he was about a decade into his battle with cancer, and he himself was one of the presenters.

Gottlieb, of blessed memory, passed away a little more than a year ago now, and Alan organized the second year's event, divided into two days, in his memory.

Despite Alan's passing in August 2009 from pancreatic cancer, the Day of Learning continues, again held in two parts on two days. In November, Part I again honored David Gottlieb's memory. And now, for Part II, to be held on Feb. 14, Congregation Beth Shalom will honor Alan Zuckerman's memory.

As I understand it, Alan's notion in organizing the Days of Learning, was to offer a high level of Torah learning. No sermons or words of rebuke or even words of inspiration, but rather serious, deep Jewish learning. Such learning did not require rabbinic ordination, and educated laypersons such as Alan Zuckerman and David Gottlieb led learning sessions and more generally enriched

the religious and intellectual life at Beth Shalom.

Alan took this learning seriously in his own life and wished to share it with others. I cannot speak for him, but I can speculate as to some of the reasons he might have been motivated in this regard.

To begin, learning texts, including Torah and Talmud, have long been central to Judaism. We would not have survived as a people without them. With Jews living in different cultures and speaking different languages, our texts

**"The Talmud was a hypertext document ages ago... with knowledge and wisdom well beyond what the Internet has to offer."**

unite us.

Furthermore, fluency in these core texts is critical for living a Jewish life and for maintaining continuity across the generations, ensuring that the Jewish story continues.



**ALAN ZUCKERMAN**

itself, if we believe in God, do we not want to do what we believe God wants us to do?

If all of this is not enough, there

is the fascination and beauty of these central Jewish texts. The Torah, the Prophets, the Writings, the *Midrash* and the many commentaries over the centuries – they all raise challenging issues about family and nation, responsibility and morality. And the Talmud, well, this was a hypertext document ages ago, with cross-referencing and a storehouse of knowledge and wisdom well beyond what the Internet has to offer. To study a section of Talmud, to work out the reasoning of the sages, to anticipate their questions and follow their logic can be quite the challenging and rewarding experience.

As Alan Zuckerman invited you to join him in learning, I too extend the invitation – whether at the Day of Learning in Alan's honor and memory – or in some other form of your choosing. The Rhode Island Jewish community is rich in teachers and study partners. We ought to treasure and reap their benefits.

*Note: Part II of the Day of Learning will be held on Sunday, Feb. 14th, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at Congregation Beth Shalom, 275 Camp Street in Providence.*

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## ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE

### Beyond statecraft

#### Making the case for a two-state solution

BY JEREMY BEN-AMI

I'VE SPENT A lot of my life in Washington – watching firsthand as “inside the Beltway” machers seek to effect change from the top down. I've watched – and learned from – activists and advocates who seek to effect change by focusing exclusively on elected officials, Washington-based staff and national media. And I've learned one clear lesson – in our democracy, there can't be real change unless the people in power really believe that the grassroots is behind them. We truly are a representative democracy, and our elected officials know that as fast as they are swept into office, they can be voted back out.

Therefore, I've come to see that the only way to achieve durable change is to mobilize grassroots support as an integral element of any advocacy campaign. For those of us looking to impact American policy in the Middle East and to

hasten the achievement of a two-state solution, the time to mobilize the grassroots is now.

Over the last year or two, Washington has begun to feel a fresh wind blowing from the Jewish community and pro-Israel advocates. Organizations – new and old – have gotten more of a hearing than before and political leaders and policy makers seem more open to our views. They're hearing and appreciating our challenge to conventional thinking on what it means to be pro-Israel, and our commitment to advancing a pro-peace agenda. They have seen the raw numbers proving that most American Jews do hold pro-Israel, pro-peace positions, with three-fourths believing that an independent Palestinian state alongside a secure Israel is the best possible resolution of the conflict, and two-thirds of us supporting active American engagement in achieving a solution, including pushing all parties to make necessary compromises.

The paradox is that, while the winds of change are beginning to

blow at the national level, many pro-peace Jews are feeling alone and isolated and, in their communities, they haven't yet been able to break through the conventional wisdom about American Jewish opinion shared by their local leaders. Many Jewish leaders and politicians continue to act as though the Jewish

ful sense of alienation and disenfranchisement, particularly among young people – with the result that they have removed themselves from a conversation in which they don't feel themselves to be welcome.

But if we're to achieve our goal, a true resolution of the conflict, this disconnect must be rectified, and soon. We have to broaden the conversations about Israel within our communities, and let people know that their contributions to the struggle for lasting peace are vital, empowering them to act.

For many, this will be a process of homecoming. Having feared that they were in the political wilderness, they will learn that, in fact, their views do represent the Jewish mainstream. There is little more pro-Israel than working to achieve a two-state solution, particularly as this is the best and perhaps only way to ensure Israel's future as a democratic Jewish homeland.

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ment is hesitant to push a return to talks. War isn't overturned in a day, and entrenched attitudes aren't shifted in a moment. Those of us in the American Jewish community who understand that a two-state solution is vital to Israel's security must now join together to take decisive action, to remind ourselves and the world: Supporting Israeli-Palestinian peace is mainstream, it's pro-Israel – and it has never been more urgent.

*Jeremy Ben-Ami is the executive director of JStreet in Washington, D.C.*

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community is content with the status quo, with persistent conflict and a belief that military solutions exist to what are fundamentally political problems.

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to work hard, and work fast. We'll have to hold meetings in living rooms and Jewish community centers, even as we meet with members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. And in mobilizing the grassroots, in networking and building bridges, we'll create a powerful mechanism for political change.

There's nothing easy about the task before us. The divisions between Israel and the Palestinians are real, and the American govern-

## J Street comes to town

The kick-off party for J Street Rhode Island will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 24 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmwood Ave., Providence.

Come to shmoose with new and current activists, meet Jeremy Ben-Ami, J Street's executive director and help plan future activities. J Street supports meaningful American leadership to end the Arab-Israeli and Israeli-Palestinian conflicts.

*For more information or to volunteer, contact RhodeIsland@jstreet.org. To RSVP, visit the Web site, <http://jstreet.org/feb-kickoffrhodeisland>.*

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### More Letters

#### Cherish their memories

AS A FAITHFUL reader of Josh Stein's column in *The Voice & Herald*, I believe his last piece (“Is *Kaddish* for the living or the dead?” in the Jan. 22 issue) deserves a gold medal. I, too, miss my parents. Even though we had our differences, they did plenty for my brothers and me. I

certainly miss having them give up something for themselves so we could have instead. I think of this daily. To answer your title question, my answer is *Kaddish* is for the living and the dead. Cherish their memories.

Reeve Curran  
Greenville

#### No knowledge of Shakespeare?

THE JAN. 22 issue of *The Voice & Herald* included a column by Rabbi Jim Rosenberg (“All ideology corrupts”). As an educator I hardly know where to begin. There are simply so many mistakes. The central thesis of the rabbi's opinion is that Shakespeare was absolutely free from “the fetters of ideology.” This concept appears to be based on one contemporary source text. I require high school students to use at least four different sources when writing a convincing opinion or paper.

This bias of Rabbi Rosenberg is sad considering the enormous wealth of scholarly material regarding Shakespeare. To use Harold Bloom's excellent book, *The Invention of the Human*, is a good start, but it is hardly contemporary. Bloom had been teaching this exact material for more than 40 years before he and his editor put the Yale lectures into book form.

One only needs to read a little beyond the surface of a play by Shakespeare to encounter many of the ideologies and biases of the man and his time. I would expect a rabbi to have knowledge of *The Merchant of Venice*.

The central quotation that Rabbi Rosenberg uses in this article is unfortunately incorrectly attributed to Lord Acton, in 1887. Lord Acton was paraphrasing, “Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely;” we have Machiavelli to thank for this excellent lesson in his book, *The Prince*, written in 1513.

I am no rabbi, it's true, but as an English literature teacher I give this paper an “F.”

Merrylee Felder  
Uxbridge, Mass.

*Editor's Note:* The editor, not Rabbi Rosenberg, chose the “central quotation” from the rabbi's column that the writer references.

### RISKS: Taking them can be life-enhancing

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regret. Even now, I don't know if I was simply too lazy to get up at 3:30 a.m., if I feared that I couldn't keep up with everyone else, or if I didn't recognize the incredible opportunity I was blowing off. To this day, though, I do know that it was a mistake – a HUGE mistake – to not take the risk. I don't know when – or if – I'll ever get to go to Israel again....

Curt Columbus, the artistic director of Trinity Repertory Company, met a few summers ago with some high school theater students who were just a few years younger than I was when I was in Israel. He graciously talked with them about theater, playwriting, for more than an hour. As eloquent, informed and polished as Columbus is – and he is – I remember only two words of advice he gave the students: FAIL BIG.

After all, isn't that what taking risks is all about? Being willing to FAIL BIG. Not by doing nothing and refusing to climb Mt. Sinai, but by risking, acting outside your comfort zone and taking a chance.

### Dry Bones THE NAME GAME

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# COMMUNITY

## PROFILE OF A VOLUNTEER Juggling family and tzedakah

By CHRIS PARKER  
[cparker@jfri.org](mailto:cparker@jfri.org)

PAWTUCKET — The mother of two young children who works with her husband in their gift and loyalty card business, Alison Walter still finds time to be engaged with the Jewish community. She is the co-chair of the community campaign for Jewish Community Day School (JCDS) and is one of the founding members of The Young Leadership Network, a program of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI) that connects young professionals and



ALISON WALTER

creates the next generation of community leaders. She and her husband Brad are currently Network Philanthropy co-chairs. Why would a busy young mother make her life even more challenging by adding these commitments? "I'm doing it for my kids," she said. "Brad and I were both raised to believe it's our job to create a stronger future for our children. Our parents laid a path like that for us, and now we are taking the initiative." Alison spent more than four years working for Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Boston, primarily

I am glad to help." And, it's not all about the work, she added, the social aspects are wonderful. Both Brad and Alison have met people who will be lifelong friends.

Alison encourages other young people to get involved, as these are exciting times here that will impact future generations. "We are on the cusp of making some big changes; we need our younger generation excited and connected to that."

To find out more about The Young Leadership Network, contact Beth Dindas at [bdindas@jfri.org](mailto:bdindas@jfri.org).

The Young Leadership Network of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island invites you

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An evening to celebrate gratitude and commitment to our Jewish Community

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March 13, 2010  
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# L'CHAIM | TO LIFE

THE network +

The Network is dedicated to involving young professionals in their mid-20's to mid-40's in a broad range of activities as a means to enhance their commitment and connection to the work of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, to Israel and to the greater Jewish Community.



[www.JFRI.org](http://www.JFRI.org)

JFRI welcomes those who would like to connect with the Jewish community and encourages the participation of interfaith and non-traditional families.

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## Children's success is a work in process

Parents, teachers must hold realistic expectations

BY RABBI PERETZ SCHEINERMAN  
Special to The Voice & Herald

PROVIDENCE - I recently wrote about how parents can partner with the Providence Hebrew Day School (PHDS) to ensure their children's success. As parents and as teachers, we need to be certain that our personal and academic expectations for our children truly correlate to their abilities. If we carefully think about our own abilities and successes, we realize that we all have strengths and weaknesses. The wide array of careers available for adults allows people to focus on their areas of strength. In school, though, we expect students to be successful in all areas. A famous fable, *The Animal School*, by George Reavis, portrays this message beautifully!

*The Animal School*

Once upon a time the animals decided they must do something heroic to meet the problems of a "new world" so they organized a school. They had adopted an activity curriculum consisting of running, climbing, swimming and flying. To make it easier to administer the curriculum, all the animals took all the subjects. The duck was excellent in swimming; in fact, he was better than his instructor. But he made only

passing grades in flying and was very poor in running. Since he was slow in running, he had to stay after school and also drop swimming in order to practice running. This was kept up until his webbed feet were badly worn and he was only average in swimming. But average was acceptable in school so nobody worried about that, except the duck. The rabbit started at the top of the class in running but had a nervous breakdown because of so much makeup work in swimming. The squirrel was excellent in climbing until he developed frustration in the flying class where his teacher made him start from the ground up instead of the treetop down. He also developed a "Charley horse" from overexertion and then got a C in climbing and a D in running. The eagle was a problem child and was disciplined severely. In the climbing class, he beat all the others to the top of the tree but insisted on using his own way to get there. At the end of the year, an abnormal eel that could swim exceedingly well and also run, climb and fly a little had the highest average and was the valedictorian. The prairie dogs stayed out of school and fought the tax levy because the administration would not add digging and burrowing to the curriculum. They apprenticed their children to a badger and later

joined the groundhogs and gophers to start a successful private school. Does this fable have a moral? It does indeed; we must encourage learning for the sake of learning and to teach our children that they have the ability to overcome weaknesses and challenges if they are willing to put forth the effort. As parents and teachers, we must:

- Be realistic in analyzing children's strengths and encourage them in these areas.
- Be realistic about our academic expectations for our children/students.
- Remember that their effort is more important than the grades our children/students receive.
- Remember that God granted each of us with specific talents and weaknesses; encourage your children/students to work toward success in their areas of talent.
- Remind your children/students that they don't have to succeed in all areas of life to be successful in life.

This article is a revised version of a letter Rabbi Peretz Scheinerman, the dean of PHDS, sent home to parents.

# COMMUNITY

## The Voice & Herald wants to hear from you!

### *It's a win-win experience*

**PROVIDENCE** — We want your opinion of *The Jewish Voice & Herald*. If you participate in this survey — either online or in hard copy, and provide contact information — you could be one of five people who will win a gift card of \$100 to either Stop & Shop or Eastside Marketplace.

In addition to appearing here in the paper, the survey is also available online. Go to [www.jfri.org](http://www.jfri.org) or [www.jvhri.org](http://www.jvhri.org) and click on the "survey link." If you fill it out in print, please return it to Nancy Kirsch, *The Voice & Herald*, 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906.

Please be prompt! Submissions MUST BE RECEIVED, whether online or by mail, by Feb. 19. Submissions received after that date may not be counted, and you may not be eligible for the gift card drawing. Please print legibly!

### **READERS' SURVEY**

Thank you for agreeing to participate in our survey. Individual survey answers will be tabulated as a whole and no individual information or household data will be disclosed. Please do not answer the survey more than once — just answer once, online or in print.

If you are filling out the survey in print, please begin here! If you need more space, please complete your answers legibly on an attached piece of paper. Thank you.

If you wish to be entered in the raffle for the gift card, please LEGIBLY print your name and address here.

Please circle each answer that is most accurate. Thank you.

#### 1. How many years have you read *The Jewish Voice & Herald*?

- 0-5 years
- 5-15 years
- 15-25 years
- 25-40 years
- Longer than 40 years

#### 2. Are you reading more or fewer print publications than you were five years ago?

- More
- Fewer
- Same
- Unsure

#### 3. In the past year, have you begun to get more or less of your news and information from the Internet?

- More
- Less
- Same
- Unsure

#### 4. How would you rate the value of *The Jewish Voice & Herald* as a resource to you?

- Very valuable
- Valuable
- Not valuable
- Unsure

#### 5. What topics do you read the MOST in *The Jewish Voice & Herald*?

(Circle all that apply)

- Calendar/Event listings
- International/Middle East news
- Cultural news
- Opinion/Regular Columnists

- Josh Stein
- Rabbi Jim Rosenberg
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#### 7. What topics would you like to see more coverage of?

Please specify.

#### 8. What words or thoughts come to mind when you think of *The Jewish Voice & Herald*?

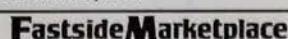
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#### 16. In your opinion, what is the most important issue for the Rhode Island Jewish community?

Please specify.

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#### 9. What other local publications do you read on a regular basis? For example,

#### *The Providence Journal, East Side Monthly, etc.*

Please specify.

#### 17. What words or thoughts come to mind when you think of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island?

Please specify.

#### 10. How many issues of *The Jewish Voice & Herald* do you read a month?

- One
- Two
- None

#### 11. How much time do you typically spend with an issue of *The Jewish Voice & Herald*?

- Fewer than 5 minutes

- 5-15 minutes

- 15-30 minutes

- 30+

#### 12. Where do you receive your copy of *The Jewish Voice & Herald*?

- Subscription/home
- Other

#### 18. Gender

- Male
- Female

#### 19. Age

- Under 25
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

#### 20. Employment/Occupational Status

- Retired
- Employed full time
- Employed part time
- Student

#### 21. How many people in your household?

- Total?
- Under 18?

#### 22. Household income:

- Under \$50,000 annual income
- \$50,000 to \$90,000 annual income
- \$90,000 to \$180,000 annual income
- More than \$180,000 annual income

#### 23. What is your zip code?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

# COMMUNITY

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## WHERE THE MONEY GOES

**CATEGORY:**  
Jewish Peoplehood

**SPOTLIGHT:**  
"It's a Deal" Program/  
Emunah Children's  
Center, Afula, Israel.

**ADMINISTERED THROUGH**  
**THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE (JDC)**

**FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**  
**ALLOCATION: \$20,000**

By CHRISTINE PARKER  
*cparker@jfri.org*

ACH YEAR THE members of the Community Development Committee (CDC) of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI) analyze and prioritize the needs in our community. This committee, composed of lay leaders, board members and community volunteers, then recommends allocations of funding to those programs and services that are best able to meet the needs.

"It's a Deal" is a program that offers at-risk youth in Israel the opportunity to acquire professional skills and reconnect with the community. This highly successful program (its graduates includes a Knesset member and many rabbis, lawyers and businessmen) is held at the Emunah Children's Center, a residential and outpatient center for troubled teens in Afula, Providence's sister

city in Israel. The Center is a safe haven for teens who are at risk because of abuse, neglect, emotional trauma or dysfunctional situations at home, and have consequently separated themselves from the community.

Shlomo Kessel, director of the Center, said, "We embroider a therapeutic quilt to cover each child. We help them overcome difficult circumstances and strengthen the strengths they have."

The "It's a Deal" program is part of that treatment, and it teaches participants to make successful, self-supporting business ventures, through cooperation, personal responsibility, skills training and business and marketing education. More importantly, it teaches self-respect and allows these young adults to heal through work and accomplishment. "Our goal is that the kids of these kids will not need the services we are providing," said Kessel, during his quick tour of New England. "We are so grateful to the members of the Rhode Island Jewish community for making this program possible."

At the Emunah Children's Center, the program helps children design, produce and market



SHLOMO KESSEL VISITS the JFRI.

Judaica and useful art crafts. These unique and authentic Israeli articles that are marketed widely, and are available for sale in Providence through the JFRI and on the Emunah Web site, [www.emunahafula.org](http://www.emunahafula.org). Kessel encourages Rhode Islanders to check out the Web site, or better yet, come visit. "The Emunah Center is your *mishpabah* in Israel. We have a volunteer apartment available for anyone who would like to come spend time with us."

For more information, contact Kessel at [emafula@gmail.com](mailto:emafula@gmail.com).

To purchase Emunah crafts locally, contact Bradley Laye, [Blaye@jfri.org](mailto:Blaye@jfri.org).

Chris Parker is the JCCRI's director of marketing and membership and the JFRI's director of communications and marketing.

## Do you know this man?

PROVIDENCE — *The Voice & Herald* and the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association (RIJHA) need your help to solve the mystery. The paper's graphic designer, Leah Camara, found this picture on her desk, with no identifying information.

Does anyone know the name of this soldier or where and when he served? The RIJHA wants to include the photo in its permanent collection of service people, but it needs the individual's name.

Please call Anne Sherman at the RIJHA office at 331-1360 if



you have any information.

## Update on Haiti: Our community responds

PROVIDENCE — Donations continue to come into the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's (JFRI) Haiti Emergency Relief Fund. As of the morning of Feb. 3, JFRI has received \$51,958 from 380 donors! Every dollar donated to this fund is sent to the American Joint Distribution Committee ("JDC"), the humanitarian assistance organization of the Jewish

community worldwide. Haiti Emergency Relief Fund monies donated to the JDC are used in Haiti to provide critical medical aid, equipment, and services to victims.

Want to donate to JFRI's Haiti Emergency Relief Fund? Visit the Web site, [www.jfri.org](http://www.jfri.org), or call Michele Gallagher at 421-4111, ext. 165.

## "Social Theory and the Study of Israelite Religion: Retrospective and Prospect"

*The Ruth and Joseph Moskow Symposium Program in Judaic Studies Brown University*

With additional support and co-sponsorship from Egyptology and Ancient West Asian Studies, Ancient Studies, and Religious Studies

Sunday, February 28 and Monday, March 1, 2010

Coordinator: Saul M. Olyan

Social theory and the study of Israelite religion have had a long and fruitful relationship. Classics such as Paul Hanson's Dawn of Apocalyptic (1975), Robert Wilson's Prophecy and Society in Ancient Israel (1980), and Carol Meyers's Discovering Eve (1988) engaged social theory in a serious way, setting the stage for more recent work utilizing both classical and contemporary theory. This symposium is intended to assess past, theoretically engaged work on Israelite religion, as well as to offer a forum for the presentation of new approaches to particular problems or to larger, interpretive questions.

Please visit the Brown University Program in Judaic studies  
Moskow Symposium Website for more details/agenda:

<http://www.brown.edu/Department/Judaic%20Studies/news/Moskow%202010%20Israelite%20Rel.html>



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# CALENDAR

## Friday

### February 5

#### First Friday Celebration of Shabbat

**WHERE:** Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington

**WHEN:** 5:30 p.m. – Tot Shabbat Service, 6 p.m. – Pizza Dinner, 6:45 p.m. – Family/Intergenerational Service

**MORE INFO:** 245-6536 or [www.templehabonim.org](http://www.templehabonim.org)

## Sunday

### February 7

#### Blood Drive

Observe the *mitzvah* of *Pikuach Nefesh* (saving a life).

**WHERE:** Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston

**WHEN:** 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 785-1800

#### Knit and Kvetch

Join Temple Torat Yisrael's knitting circle; come for knitting, crocheting, embroidering and needle-pointing.

**WHERE:** Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. – noon

**MORE INFO:** 785-1800

#### Young Family Program

Children under 5 and their parents are invited for a morning of stories, songs and crafts.

**WHERE:** Congregation Agudas Achim, 901 North Main St., Attleboro, MA

**WHEN:** 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**MORE INFO:** 508-222-2243 or [office@agudasma.org](mailto:office@agudasma.org)

#### Torah Scrolls Program

Learn how parchment is made, Torahs are written, the mystical meaning of the Torah and the art of the Hebrew letters.

**WHERE:** Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington

**WHEN:** 12:30 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 245-6536 or [www.templehabonim.org](http://www.templehabonim.org)

#### Purim Mitzvah Day

Festivities include a *Purim* parade, baking *hamantaschen*, making cards for American and Israeli soldiers, a *Purim* art project, creating *shalach manot* bags for local nursing homes, and story time. Children are encouraged to come in costume.

**WHERE:** Tamarisk, 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick

**WHEN:** 1:45 – 4:30 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** Nicole Katzman at 331-0956, ext. 180 or [nkatzman@bjeri.org](mailto:nkatzman@bjeri.org); Wendy Joering at 331-0956, ext. 169 or [wjoering@jfri.org](mailto:wjoering@jfri.org)

#### NE Rabbinical College Annual Dinner

**WHERE:** Providence Hebrew Day School, 450 Elmwood Ave., Providence

**WHEN:** 2 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** Miriam Lipson at 273-4907 or [dinner.nerc@gmail.com](mailto:dinner.nerc@gmail.com)

#### RI Philharmonic Woodwind Quartet

Enjoy classical music at Temple Beth-El.

**WHERE:** Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence

**WHEN:** 4 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 331-6070

#### Green Reel Series

Watch "Flow: For Love of Water."

**WHERE:** Congregation Agudas Achim, 901 North Main St., Attleboro, MA

**WHEN:** 7 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 508-695-2389

## Tuesday

### February 9

#### East Greenwich Lunch & Learn

Join Rabbi Amy Levin from Temple Torat Yisrael. In honor of *Purim*, the topic is the Annual Jewish Joke Fest. Participants order from the menu and study Jewish sources.

**WHERE:** T's Restaurant, 5600 Post Road (in the Benny's Plaza), East Greenwich

**WHEN:** Noon – 1:30 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 785-1800

#### Kollel Institute Program of Adult Learning

Where: Jewish Center of South County, 375 Kingstown Rd. at Narragansett Circle

**WHEN:** 7:30 to 9 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 783-7453 or Meri Kaufman at [mskaufman@verizon.net](mailto:mskaufman@verizon.net)

## Wednesday

### February 10

#### Senior Café

"Ask the Rabbi" featuring Rabbi Alan Flam.

**WHERE:** Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmwood Avenue, Providence

**WHEN:** Noon – Lunch,

12:45-1:30 p.m. – Presentation

**COST:** Lunch, suggested donation: \$3 for 60+/Under 60 Disabled

**MORE INFO:** Neal Drobni or Lucy Flam at 861-8800, ext. 107

## Thursday

### February 11

#### Cranston/Warwick Lunch & Learn

*See Tuesday, February 9 Lunch & Learn for more information on topic, time and more info.*

**WHERE:** Cozy Grill Restaurant, 440 Warwick Ave., Warwick

#### RI Interfaith Power & Light

information.

#### K'Tantan Shabbat

Cantor Judy Seplowin and Debbie Waldman lead age appropriate Shabbat service for families with children under age 5. Shabbat dinner follows.

**WHERE:** Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence

**WHEN:** 5:30 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 331-6070

#### Narragansett Council Scout Shabbat

Rabbi Sol Goodman, chaplain at Yawgoog Scout Reservation, will lead services. Surprise guest from Boston Red Sox will attend.

**WHERE:** Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401

play klezmer and *Hasidic* music.

**WHERE:** Brooklyn Coffee & Tea House, 209 Douglas Ave., Providence

**WHEN:** 8 – 10 p.m.

**COST:** \$9

**MORE INFO:** [Breslersmusic@gmail.com](mailto:Breslersmusic@gmail.com)

## Monday

### February 15

#### Jay Mankita Performs

Jay Mankita's "Eat Like a Rainbow" is a danceable collection of quirky kids' songs about healthy food and sustainable living.

**WHERE:** Striar Hebrew

## Providence Hebrew Day School and The New England Academy of Torah

### The Prize is Right

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**WHEN:** 7 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** Curt Abbott at 732-2784 or [cdead21@aol.com](mailto:cdead21@aol.com)

#### Kabbalat Shabbat and Oneg Shabbat

Where: Congregation Beth David, 102 Kingstown Rd., Narragansett

**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** Ethan Adler at 486-0110 or [eadler3@cox.net](mailto:eadler3@cox.net)

#### Zimriyah (Songfest) 2010

The Jewish Community Day School community and community members gather in song and celebration for the 100th anniversary of Tel Aviv-Yafo.

**WHERE:** Jewish Community Day School of RI, 85 Taft Ave., Providence

**WHEN:** 7 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 751-2470

Academy of Sharon, 100 Ames Street, Sharon, MA

**WHEN:** 11 a.m.

**COST:** \$8 per person, \$25 family max

**MORE INFO:** 781-784-8724 or [www.striarhebrew.org](http://www.striarhebrew.org)

## Tuesday

### February 16

#### Three-Day Winter Camp

Gan Israel Winter Camp for kids aged 5-10 offers activities, trips, arts & crafts and hot lunches.

**WHERE:** Chabad Chai Center of West Bay, 3871 Post Road, Warwick

**WHEN:** February 16, 17 & 18; 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., extended hours available

**COST:** \$30 a day, \$75 for three days; prices include trips & lunch

**MORE INFO:** Rabbi Yossi and Shoshanna Laufer at 884-7888 or [rabbilaufer@netzero.net](mailto:rabbilaufer@netzero.net)

## Saturday

### February 13

#### "Jammin' Juniors Program"

Hebrew school students meet to facilitate the services.

**WHERE:** South County Hebrew School, 375 Kingstown Rd. at Narragansett Circle

**WHEN:** 10 a.m.

**MORE INFO:** Ethan Adler at 486-0110 or [eadler3@cox.net](mailto:eadler3@cox.net)

#### Brown RISD Hillel Israeli Film Festival

*See story on page 19 – Festival runs from 2/13 – 2/18*

#### Klezmer Evening

Fishel Bresler and Shelley Katsh

## Wednesday

### February 17

#### Senior Café

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"Kibbitz Group" (the winter version of Plain Talk) – Something to say, this is your time and space to just say it.

**See Wednesday, February 10 Senior Café for more information on location, time, cost and contact information.**

## Thursday

### February 18

#### Adoption Options Information

Licensed adoption workers offer information and answer questions about adoption.

**WHERE:** 959 North Main St., Providence

**WHEN:** 6 – 7 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** Peg Boyle at 331-5437 or [www.AdoptionOptions.org](http://www.AdoptionOptions.org)

#### Hug N'hamah: Circle of Consolation

Dr. Judith Lubiner, a licensed psychologist, and Rabbi Amy Levin facilitate bereavement group.

**WHERE:** Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston

**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 785-1800

## Friday

### February 19

#### Senior Café

Celebrating those with February

birthdays.

**See Wednesday, February 10 Senior Café for information on location, time, cost and contact information.**

#### Daven & Dine

Candlelight Shabbat dinner with friends. Chicken dinner provided; please bring a salad or vegetable (no dairy) and a dessert. Feel free to bring wine.

**WHERE:** Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington

**WHEN:** 6:15 p.m.

**COST:** \$5 per person

**MORE INFO:** Margie at 245-6536 or [marjorie@templehabonim.org](mailto:marjorie@templehabonim.org)

#### Shabbat Hallelu

An uplifting musical Shabbat, featuring Temple Beth-El musicians. Light refreshments before the service.

**WHERE:** Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Ave, Providence

**WHEN:** 6:30 p.m. – Refreshments, 7 p.m. – Service

**MORE INFO:** 331-6070

## Saturday

### February 20

#### Family First Shabbat Morning Service

Rabbi Joel Seltzer leads interactive service for families of all ages; lunch follows.

**WHERE:** Temple Emanu-El Fishbein Chapel, 99 Taft Ave., Providence

**WHEN:** 10:30 a.m.

**MORE INFO:** Rabbi Seltzer at 331-1616 or [jseltzer@teprov.org](mailto:jseltzer@teprov.org)

## Sunday

### February 21

#### Smile in a Bag Program

Children collect fun activity items for children in area hospitals.

**WHERE:** South County Hebrew School, 375 Kingstown Rd., Narragansett

**WHEN:** 11:30 a.m.

**MORE INFO:** Karen Hodges at 783-7453 or [Karen.hodges@verizon.net](mailto:Karen.hodges@verizon.net)

#### Rocky Point Movie & Pizza

"You Have To Be This Tall" is suitable for all ages.

**WHERE:** Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick

**WHEN:** 11:45 a.m.

**COST:** \$5 per person or \$10/couple or family

**MORE INFO:** Joyce at 463-7944 by Feb. 9

Send calendar entries for the March 5 issue by Feb. 22 to [voicerhald@jfri.org](mailto:voicerhald@jfri.org). CALENDAR in subject line, or *Voice & Herald*, 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906.

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## RACE: Brothers compete for big money

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contrast, includes "traveling the world, meeting Tom Brady and starting a company," on his "life-long to do list." The Pious brothers, the sons of Jamie and Lezli Pious of Barrington, were one of 11 two-person teams who will be featured on the new season of "The Amazing Race." The race is over, and only those who participated know the outcome, for now.

This season's show begins on Sunday, Feb. 14 on the local affiliates of CBS at 8 p.m., immediately after "60 Minutes" ends.

Included in the series' teams are a 71-year-old grandmother and her granddaughter and a mother-daughter team of attorneys who competed with Jordan and Daniel Pious for a grand prize of \$1,000,000. We'll have to tune in to find out whether the local boys "done good!"

How does the show work? The race, which begins in a U.S. city, sends teams off with clues to lead them to their next destinations in locales around the world. They end up back in the U.S. and face challenges at every step of the way – including "Detours," "Roadblocks" and "U-Turns."

Dan's "lifelong 'to do' list" includes "getting a job with a major Boston sports team, marrying and having kids, and making them be Boston sports fans." He'd switch places with Theo Epstein, the general manager of the Red Sox, if he could; brother Jamie would

decline any opportunity to change places. Fenway Park and Israel were favorite sites to visit for Dan, a financial advisor, and Jordan, a strategic consultant, respectively. Their business sensibilities come through; they would invest their \$1,000,000 prize money – if they win – and Jordan would use it to pay for graduate school.

Dan's biggest race challenge will be "staying under the radar, not rubbing the other teams the wrong way and finding food that I like."

As for "The Amazing Race" accomplishments (other than winning prize money), Jordan wants "to create memories with my best friend and show my brother that there is more to the world than what we see at home."

Contestants and their families are under strict "gag orders" regarding the show until the final show of this season airs; perhaps the Pious family will give the first local interview to *The Voice & Herald*.

While it's too late to wish Jordan and Dan *mazel*, be sure to tune in to follow their exploits.

*Editor's Note: Because all the members of the Pious family had to keep their "lips zipped," about the show, all the information about Dan and Jordan – other than the names of their parents and the fact that they competed – came from the offices of CBS.*

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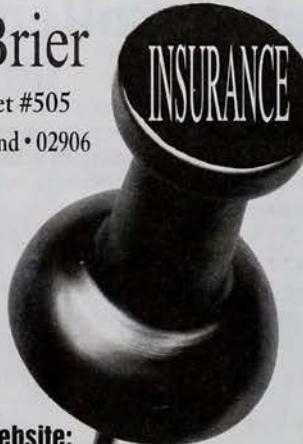
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dic trauma, to visit Malawi (then a resident) with Dr. Peter Trafton in January 2008.

When political upheaval squelched Tompkins' plans to travel to Kenya, he contacted an acquaintance at another nonprofit organization, Orthopedics Overseas, who recommended Malawi.

"Brown [has] ties with a number of these countries, but the changing political situation sometimes makes travel imprudent," said Dr. Michael G. Ehrlich, the Vincent Zecchino Professor and chairman surgeon-in-chief at both Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals.

Ehrlich said that concern for the residents' safety is paramount. And, residents must also possess "impressive scientific productivity," so only a few physicians are candidates for the Carol Silver Traveling Fellows program.

#### THE TRAVEL BUG

Residents of Malawi, in East Africa, are poor and often lack access to specialists, such as orthopedic surgeons, as did individuals in countries Dr. Silver visited. As a visiting professor — often for a month at a time — Dr. Silver shared his knowledge of orthopedic medicine with medical students and young physicians in such far-flung spots

as Leningrad and Moscow in 1968; Sydney in 1969; Shanghai in 1986 — long before China became widely accessible to tourists; Jakarta, Indonesia in 1987 and Tel Aviv in 1978. During the 1970s, he visited and taught in Tehran on four separate occasions; as recently as 1991, he taught in Trinidad.

"Both my parents loved to travel," said Paul, at a time when it was unusual to travel and teach overseas. A 1958 trip to Israel was especially noteworthy for the Silver family members who went, as it included a seder with Golda Meir at her home,

albeit before she became Prime Minister.

Mixing work with travel was nothing new for Dr. Silver — during his three-year

stint overseas during World War II, he spent time in Algeria, Corsica, Sardinia and France.

#### TRIP TO MALAWI

With very limited resources, doctors and other medical providers "are very gifted in terms of their diagnostic capabilities," said Tompkins, about Malawi. "We rely here on other things [CAT scans for bone problems and tumors and MRIs for soft tissue injuries]; doctors there are amazingly skilled with physical exams and taking medical histories."

In Malawi, explained Tompkins,



/Marc Tompkins, M.D.

#### AN OPERATION AT Queen Elizabeth Hospital

the 80 or more orthopedic clinical officers (whose training is like that of physicians' assistants here) can set broken bones and perform minor surgeries. They fill a critically important role, as a mere seven orthopedic surgeons serve nearly 14 million people!

In contrast, here in Rhode Island, we may choose from any of 30 to 40 orthopedic surgeons just at The Miriam or Rhode Island hospitals, or select an orthopedic surgeon from another area hospital.

With English the national language in Malawi, neither Trafton, who taught Malawi medical providers, nor Tompkins, who helped with patient care, faced language barriers.

They worked at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, one of only 30 hospitals in the country; like Rhode Island Hospital, it receives and treats patients referred by other hospitals.

#### DID THE EXPERIENCE CHANGE TOMPKINS?

"I have traveled in [poor] medical settings before, so there was no initial shock. But every time you go, it sharpens reality, whether it's a global reality or your own hospital's reality," Tompkins said. "I [have] more patience and understanding. Your perspective changes when you know what conditions are like on other parts of world."

Tompkins said that Malawi

ranked 160 of 182 countries in 2009, in a quality of life index, prepared by the U.N. Human Development Report. Even so, "people [in Malawi] are happy, and happy to have their families around them." Though there is no nationalized insurance, government hospitals are more common than private hospitals. "Seeing how skilled the doctors



/Paul Silver

are with limited resources helped me think about other ways to address the problems," said Tompkins.

#### PHILANTHROPY

"I'm honored and gratified that my children established this fund," said Dr. Silver. "I hope it will encourage other physicians to reach out to more remote parts of the world to teach and share the medical techniques we have developed in this country."

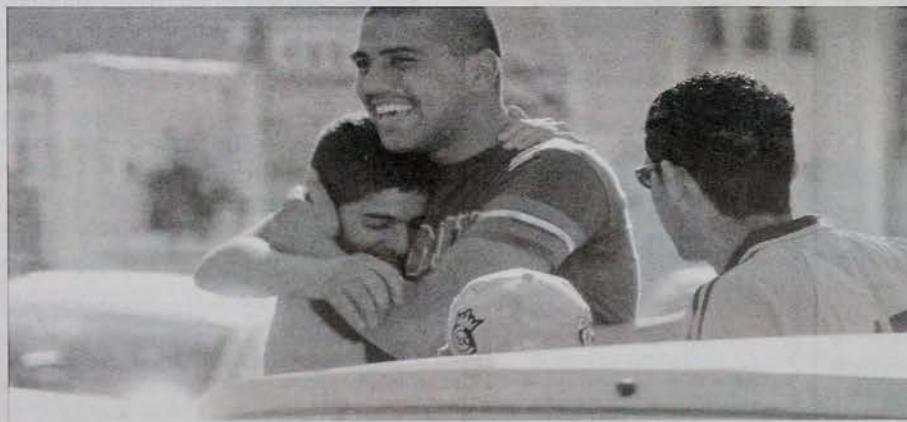
*Tikkun olam* runs in this family — for their father's 80th birthday, the Silver offspring established a lectureship through Brown University for Dr. Silver, one of Rhode Island's first board certified orthopedists.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Israeli Film Festival of College Hill

### February 13-18

The 2nd Annual Israeli Film Festival of College Hill features films that illuminate some of Israel's less well-known and understood historical, cultural, and sociological realities. The critically acclaimed *Ajami* will open the Festival on Saturday, February 13th. It is a courageous film, breathtaking and complex, at once about the street reality in a tough neighborhood of Tel Aviv-Jaffa and the quintessential Israeli reality of many intersecting and conflicting cultures.

Visit [www.brownhillel.org](http://www.brownhillel.org) or call 401-863-2805 for a full schedule of the films.



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# COMMUNITY

## From the Israel Desk

Travel, education opportunities in Israel abound

BY BETH BRIER  
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PROVIDENCE — The Israel Desk of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island (BJE/RI) values Israel education for people of all ages. The Israel Desk provides resource information for



/Benjamin Freedman

**BENJAMIN FREEDMAN**, son of Beverly Ehrlich and Carl (Corky) Freedman, of Pawtucket, returned to Israel to attend the Pardes Program after spending a semester at Tel Aviv University last spring.

families and teachers, as education about Israel starts at home and in our schools. However, the best way for someone to learn about Israel is

to spend time there!

The Israel Desk has created programs to help teens and college students experience Israel firsthand.

• **Gift of Israel** — Connect to the past; build for the future. Give your child the most meaningful gift; the Gift of Israel. The Gift of Israel is an incentive savings program in which families, congregations and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI) each contribute funds toward a trip to Israel. Enroll now to earn up to \$2,000 free and begin saving for the experience of a lifetime!

• **Grants and Scholarships** — The Rhode Island Jewish community supports an Israel experience as an integral part of a student's education and growing Jewish identity. Israel travel grants are available to all high school, college and graduate students who are residents of greater Rhode Island planning to study in Israel in a recognized study/travel program. Grant applications are due by March 15th for summer and fall programs. To download an application please visit: [www.bjeri.org](http://www.bjeri.org).

• **Israel Travel** — A variety of Israel travel options range from synagogue trips, high school, col-

lege and post-college trips to planning a bar/bat mitzvah in Israel. The Israel Desk can provide you with resources to choose the best trip to suit your interests.

Please join us for an Israel Programs Fair on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 2-4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island where we will have representatives from various Israel trips to share their wonderful programs with you.

For more information, contact Beth Brier, director of Israel Desk at the BJE/RI, at 331-0956, ext. 223 or [bbrier@bjeri.org](mailto:bbrier@bjeri.org).

The BJE/RI is a partner agency of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

From an Israeli traveler:

"I have really enjoyed exploring Jerusalem since I landed last week. Pardes is near the German Colony neighborhood - an area that I'd never been in before - and I've had a great time getting to know what's around. It's pretty incredible to be only 20 minutes away, by foot, from the Old City."

Benjamin Freedman

## A little night music



Galit and Roii Raz dance, dance, dance.

PROVIDENCE — Pregnancy didn't stop Galit Raz from dancing up a storm with her husband, Roii Raz, at "Rikud and Ritas" on Jan. 16. More than 70 people gathered at Temple Emanu-El to *nosh* on traditional Mexican fare and learn some Latin dance moves. The night, one attendee reported, was "*en fuego*," Spanish for "on fire."

Temple Emanu-El anticipates doing it all again in 2010, so keep those dancing shoes warmed up.

## Tu Bi-Sh'vat workshop at Temple Beth-El



Ellie Sherwood, the daughter of Jesse and Jessica Holden Sherwood, of Providence, participates in Temple Beth-El's Tu Bi-Sh'vat workshop on Sunday, Jan. 24.

PROVIDENCE — On Sunday, Jan. 24, pre-school and kindergarten children at Temple Beth-El's religious school participated in a family Tu Bi-Sh'vat workshop.

Each family took part in four fun-filled activities — from decorating and filling straw baskets with fruit and planting parsley seeds (Passover is coming, after all!) in decorated clay pots to making tree growth charts to record each child's growth and

creating "Jewish bird feeders." A "Jewish bird feeder," for those who don't know, can be made by coating a hardened bagel with marshmallow fluff and then dredging it in birdseed.

Afterward, families participated in a Tu Bi-Sh'vat seder and sampled fruits from the trees of Israel — figs, dates, almonds and carobs. Cantor Seplowin, Debbie Waldman and Rabbi Mack led them in joyous song.

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## CIRCUS: It's not just for children

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**A:** We are doing the circus not just for the sake of the circus, but for the cultural exchange at work. It's not talking about being understood or wishing to be understood...we are doing it.

We bring Russian culture to the

circus. I like when people come in and enjoy the show and get their everyday worries out of their heads. They see beautiful, giving people share their talent and their love. For so many years, people only knew of us through the Cold War. We don't just sing Russian folk songs, but all kinds of Russian music. We educate by entertaining — it's not just for the kids, but they enjoy it. It's a show for adults, but little kids enjoy it as much as the seniors.



ONE "SMART DOG" is half of this acrobatic duo.



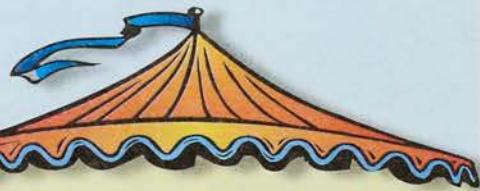
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**Tickets for the Moscow Circus** are \$35 and \$45; <http://tickets.ripcap.net> or by calling 467-7275. A limited number of \$75 "meet and greet" VIP tickets/passes are available, as well.

The Rhode Island Center for Performing Arts, at 848 Park Avenue, Cranston, is wheelchair accessible.

Recently celebrating its 120th anniversary, the Moscow Circus features a contortionist, a trapeze and mixed acrobatic duo, two clowns (not fear-inducing, Vosk promises!), an aerial straps artist, an acrobatic dog trainer, a hand-balancing artist, a juggler, and hula hoop artist, a folk trio and a juggling team of brothers.



### THE MOSCOW CIRCUS: A BRIEF HISTORY

**S**ince the reign of Catherine the Great, the circus has played an important role in the rich cultural traditions of Russia. There, the circus is regarded as an art form on par with the ballet or the opera, a showcase for highly skilled and creative artists.

Englishman Charles Hughes is credited with the circus' popularity in Russia today. A horseman and impresario, he gave a command performance with his troupe of circus entertainers for the court of Catherine the Great. Captivated by the performances, she ordered two circus rings to be built for Hughes. He remained in St. Petersburg for a year before he returned to England; his performers, however, stayed behind and gave birth to the contemporary Russian circus we know today.

The circus became hugely popular with the Russian people in the 19th century; and the Old Moscow Circus, founded in 1880, became the most respected and loved circus in the country.

After the revolution in 1917, the Soviet Union's founding fathers quickly recognized the circus' significance. It was a truly popular and egalitarian form of entertainment. Through the establishment of circus schools in Moscow in 1927 and later, in other major cities, the circus developed in size and stature. From the 1950s on, it became a significant and successful cultural export, with frequent tours in the U.S. and Europe.

On the eve of the Communist regime's collapse in the early 1990s, there were 70 permanent circus buildings and about 50 traveling circuses in the country. The fall of Communism threw the circus into disarray, yet it has continued to thrive.

The Moscow Circus is a jewel in the crown of Russia's imperial heritage.

*This historical information comes from the Moscow Circus.*



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## Kol Echad quilt at JCCRI



BY CHRIS PARKER  
cparker@jfri.org

PROVIDENCE — The quilt, *Kol Echad*: One Voice, made its debut at the *Kol Echad* Hanukkah community concert and celebration last December. Now, it is now prominently displayed in the Elmwood Avenue entrance lobby of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island (JCCRI).

It is constructed of 602 panels of brightly colored felt and varied mixed media and joyful messages. Rising 14 feet up the walls, the quilt manages to uplift and transform the entrance of this older

building into an inspirational experience.

Nicole Katzman, a former middle school teacher and currently PJ Library director, worked with her 34 PJ Library partners, and representatives from the JCCRI preschool, the Jewish Community Day School (JCDS) and the Providence Hebrew Day School to make this project a reality. "The vision behind this quilt was to have each child in our community interpret what it means to be Jewish in Rhode Island," said Katzman. "Whether it's swimming at the JCCRI, the friends they have made at JCDS or challah

on Shabbat; the range of expression is amazing."

All are welcome to come and see the quilt, and find their quilt panel. The lobby of the JCCRI is open Mondays through Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

*Chris Parker is the marketing and membership director of the JCCRI and the director of communications for the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island Island.*

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## Stan Freedman's 'Evening of Song'

CRANSTON — Stan Freedman will sing songs from American musical theater, as well as Yiddish and folk songs, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. The free concert is sponsored by the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah.

Freedman conducts the popular local orchestra, "Sounds of Simcha," and directs the band at Temple Beth-El in Providence, where he has taught for 30 years. For 28 of those years, he also was a music teacher in the Providence public schools.

Debbie Deletetsky, a member of Hadassah Leadership Academy, an intensive three-year course to train leaders for Hadassah, the American Women's Zionist Organization, organized this program. The concert, open to the public, will be postponed to March 2 in case of inclement weather.

To RSVP (by Feb. 16) or for more information or directions, contact the Hadassah office at 463-3636 or [RhodeIslandChapter@Hadassah.org](mailto:RhodeIslandChapter@Hadassah.org).

## Mock Trial Win



*(Rabbi Peretz Scheinerman)*

THE NEW ENGLAND ACADEMY of Torah's Mock Trial team bested the team from Pawtucket's Shea High School in a competition on Monday, Jan. 25. Pictured, left, Chani Diamond, Esty Saklad, Tova Gerber, Sonia Felder, Sora Hindra Taitelbaum, Ruchama Diamond and Blima Haldorsen with the Superior Court judge who oversaw the mock trial.

## Enter the Passover dessert contest

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BARRINGTON — Do you have the best Passover dessert recipe ever? Does your family demand you recreate your great grandmother's raspberry sponge cake or ultimate brownie bar each Pesach? If so, the National Council of Jewish Women-Rhode Island section (NCJW-RJ) invites you to enter this year's bake-off contest and tasting buffet on Sunday, March 14 at 2 p.m. at the home of Rose Sagan in Barrington.

This year's event will include a tasting buffet for all entries that Debbie Blazer of Accounting for Taste, a Kosher caterer, will judge. Prizes will be awarded in these categories: sponge cakes, chocolate cakes, cookies, bars and brownies, and fruit desserts.

Send recipes for entry to the contest or for the booklet to [ptgrt@aol.com](mailto:ptgrt@aol.com) or Gail Kritz, 119 Crest Ave., S. Kingstown, RI by Feb. 26. Cost to attend the event is \$20; make check out to NCJW-RJ and send to Jane Desberg, 27 Colburn Drive, Sharon, MA 02067. For information and Rose Sagan's address, call 781-784-2406.

The National Council of Jewish Women, a more than 100-year old organization, strives to turn progressive ideals into meaningful action and to improve the lives of women, children and families.

## Purim with the Yiddish shmoozers

PROVIDENCE — The Yiddish shmoozers invite those interested in Yiddish to their next meeting, on Friday, Feb. 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The meeting, at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island (JCCRI), will include the traditional lesson in Yiddish and

Yiddish songfest. In addition, Mara Sokolosky, the librarian at Temple Emanu-El and a Yiddish speaker, will speak about Purim.

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But when we landed, no car rental agency would allow their vehicle to be driven to Haiti. Determined, we teamed up with a strong-willed, Brooklyn-born Haitian woman named Regine, who was on a quest to find her relatives in one of the most hard-hit neighborhoods of Haiti's capital.

Hundreds of dollars later, cobbling together different forms of transportation, we arrived at the border to learn that it was closed for the night. When it reopened in the morning, we boarded a little Haitian truck, making our way on a dirt road toward the capital.

As we approached Port-au-Prince, the pastoral countryside turned into an urban death trap. We were stunned by the scale of devastation and the smell of decomposing bodies. The driver stopped at the damaged National Palace, refusing to go further. "It's too dangerous," he said.

We made the last leg of our trip on foot, climbing a hill to search for Regine's family. The scale of the disaster was beyond anything my mind could grasp. Body parts extended from the rubble. Confused relatives sat nearby, their eyes dimmed with despair.

We found Regine's family members in good condition. Their house remained intact, surrounded by piles of rubble. Neighbors were digging with their hands through the debris; no rescue team was anywhere to be found. It was about 72 hours after the quake, the voices of those trapped were fading and help could not arrive quickly.

enough.

We stumbled down the road carrying boxes of medical equipment, a camera and two backpacks as we looked for a place to stay. We encountered the first international rescue team, as they pulled an exhausted but healthy woman from the rubble. It took me a second to recognize the accents. It was the ZAKA team from Israel, in Mexico when the quake occurred, and teamed up with the Mexican delegation for the rescue mission in Haiti.

"We are here to help," we said.

"You cannot stay outside after sundown; you will get shot," they told us. We jumped on their truck and were escorted to the airport by U.N. peacekeepers from Jordan.

Some 40 hours after we left New York, our mission to help the people of Haiti didn't seem very effective. Exhausted, we fell asleep on the tarmac.

We awoke to the roar of a 747 EL AL jumbo jet. Except for the Americans, who were all around the city, the Israeli delegation seemed to be, by far, the largest, most organized and most effective team. We joined them, and our mission took a crucial turn.

At dawn, we were on our way to build the largest field hospital in Haiti, an Israeli operation equipped with imaging and X-ray machines, an emergency department, orthopedic surgeons and skilled support staff. By 10 a.m., the first patients were being admitted to the triage area.

Within a couple of hours, the hospital was operating at capac-

ity, and the workflow seemed seamless. Craig was working magic in the ER, and I was carrying stretchers, assembling cots and using my French to help translate the patients' Creole for the doctors.

The sleepless nights didn't matter now; we were finally doing what we came here to do.

In the next two days, we saw a bleeding newborn, wounded pregnant women, a man with a bullet wound, amputations and all manner of orthopedic injuries. Dehydrated and hungry, the patients were stabilized and treated quickly, proficiently and with a smile by the hospital personnel, mostly doctors in the Israeli army reserves.

They were Israelis who left their families on short notice to cross an ocean, work around the clock and sleep in the field to care for people they never met.

After two days, we went back into the city and found the lack of running water, electricity and food was taking its toll, pushing people to the edge. The atmosphere was very tense, and there were occasional riots.

The same desperate people were just where we left them two days earlier, but now that the dust had settled, reality seemed even gloomier than before.

As just two people without any organization, we realized our ability to help was limited. We gave away the medicine, batteries and food we had and made our way to



JERUSALEM – The IDF delegation returned to Israel on Jan. 28 from Port-au-Prince, Haiti. More than 80 tons of emergency medical supplies and dozens of medical and search personnel, as well as a K9 rescue squad, were put to use in Haiti.

the Dominican border.

Before Craig and I parted, I asked him whether he thought two individuals alone could really make a difference.

"Do you think we were able to save anybody?" I asked.

"We were saving ourselves," he

answered.

*A filmmaker and producer, Lior Etzony was born and raised in Israel; he now lives in New York.*

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**C**AN'T GET WARM? If, like me, you are tired of frigid cold weather and you can't escape to a warm weather vacation, consider these chili recipes.

With the first annual Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island (JCCRI) Kosher chili cook-off coming this spring (save the date: June 13, 2010), I thought I'd see what chili recipes I could find in *The Voice & Herald's* collection of cookbooks. The table of contents of the dozen or so cookbooks didn't yield a huge number of recipes (apparently, we Jews eat more chicken and chocolate than chili). In addition to the chili and chili soup recipes, we offer some recipes for hot sauces to spice up another entrée.

While you're trying out these or other chili recipes, remember: The Kosher chili cook-off committee is in search of cook-off teams, sponsors and volunteers. Want more information? Visit [www.rikosherchilicookoff.com](http://www.rikosherchilicookoff.com), or contact committee co-chairs, Meredith Sinel at [merlein@yahoo.com](mailto:merlein@yahoo.com) and Bethany Sutton at [bi\\_sutton@yahoo.com](mailto:bi_sutton@yahoo.com).

What could be more fun than some fiery hot (chili hot) friendly competition and benefit the JCCRI at the same time? The cook-off, for which *The Voice & Herald* is a media sponsor, will include the competition, family and children's activities, entertainment and prizes. Check out the Web site, [www.rikosherchilicookoff.com](http://www.rikosherchilicookoff.com) for fun chili facts and more information about the event.

### Chili

#### Ingredients

3 tablespoons olive oil  
2 large onions, diced or 1 10-ounce bag frozen chopped onions  
4 cloves garlic, peeled, minced or 4 frozen crushed garlic cubes  
2 pounds ground beef  
2 red bell peppers, seeded, veins removed and chopped  
1 20-ounce can diced tomatoes, drained and reserve liquid  
1 6-ounce can tomato paste

## Fiery chilis burn off wintertime chills

4 tablespoons chili powder  
2 teaspoons crushed cumin seeds  
2 teaspoons salt  
3/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper, or to taste  
2 15-ounce cans kidney beans, drained and rinsed

#### Method

Heat oil in a 6-quart stockpot over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and sauté for 2 minutes.

Add beef. Stir and cook until beef has lost most of its pinkness. Pour off fat.

Add bell peppers and tomatoes. Stir to mix.

Add enough water to reserved tomato liquid to equal 2-and-1/2 cups. Stir into beef mixture.

Add tomato paste, chili powder, cumin, salt and cayenne pepper.

Bring to a boil, and then reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 3 hours.

Stir in beans just before serving. Heat through. Serve hot.

Serves 8 to 10.

*One serving suggestion: Boil or grill hot dogs, place them in buns and ladle a few spoonfuls of chili over the top.*

Quick & Kosher, Recipes from the Bride Who Knew Nothing, by Jamie Geller, Feldheim Publishers, Jerusalem-New York, 2007.

### Chili Cheese Soup

#### Ingredients

1 small yellow onion, peeled and finely chopped  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
4-6 cloves garlic, crushed  
1 whole jalapeno, cored, seeded and finely minced  
1 tablespoon chili powder  
2 teaspoons ground coriander  
1 tablespoon ground cumin  
2 teaspoons salt  
½ teaspoon black pepper  
1 tablespoon tomato paste  
1 28-ounce can diced tomatoes  
5 cups water  
1 16-ounce or 19-ounce can black beans, rinsed well and drained  
6 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1 cup half-and-half

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1/2 pound grated cheddar cheese

#### Method

On medium-low heat, sauté the onion in olive oil for 7-10 minutes, until wilted and just starting to brown.

Add garlic, jalapeno and all of the spices and sauté for 1 minute, stirring constantly.

Add tomato paste, diced tomatoes and water. Cover, bring to a gentle simmer and cook for 30 minutes.

Add the beans and continue to simmer for another 30 minutes.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour and half-and-half, making sure to get out all the lumps. Slowly pour this mixture into the soup, stirring as you pour, so the mixture gets well incorporated right away. Allow to simmer for another 2-3 minutes, until the flour is cooked and the soup thickens.

Add the cheddar cheese and mix well, allowing the cheese to melt.

Serves 8.

*Dairy recipe, freezes well.*

*Serving suggestion: Serve this soup with two chips and forget the "no dunking" rules.*

Soup, A Kosher Collection, by Pam Reiss, M. Evans and Company, Inc., New York, 2004.

### Chili Soup

1-2 tablespoons olive oil  
1-and-1/2 pounds extra-lean ground beef

1 small yellow onion, finely chopped

1 medium carrot, peeled and grated  
1 stalk celery, finely chopped

1 medium red pepper, cored, seeded and finely chopped

1/4 cup olive oil  
1-and-1/2 teaspoons salt

4-6 cloves garlic, crushed  
1/4 teaspoon pepper

1-and-1/2 tablespoons ground cumin  
1 teaspoon ground coriander

1-and-1/2 tablespoons chili powder

1 28-ounce can diced tomatoes  
1 12-ounce can corn kernels, rinsed and drained

1 16-ounce or 19-ounce red kidney beans, rinsed well and drained  
1 16-ounce or 19-ounce black beans, rinsed well and drained

1/4 teaspoon hot sauce  
6 cups water

#### Method

Sauté ground beef in the 1-2 tablespoons of olive oil in a non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Sauté the beef until all the pink is gone, drain off the extra liquid and set aside.

Sauté all the vegetables in 1/4 cup olive oil in a soup pot, over medium heat, for 5 minutes. The vegetables will wilt, but don't let them burn.

Add all the seasonings and sauté for 1 additional minute.

Add the beef, tomatoes, corn, beans, hot sauce and water. Cover and bring to a boil. Simmer for about 25 minutes and then serve.

Serves 12.

*Meat recipe, freezes well.*

*Recipe alternatives: Substitute ground chicken for the beef, or leave out the meat completely and serve as a vegetarian option. Garnish with taco chips to serve.*

Soup, A Kosher Collection, by Pam Reiss, M. Evans and Company, Inc., New York, 2004

### Harissa

Harissa, a condiment in Moroccan cooking, can be used to add a kick to a variety of foods.

#### Ingredients

1/2 cup chili flakes  
1 cup boiling water  
1 cup extra virgin olive oil  
1 garlic clove  
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
1 teaspoon kosher salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

#### Method

Add the chili flakes to 1 cup boiling water, off the heat, and let steep for 5 minutes to rehydrate.

Drain the flakes in a fine-mesh sieve or strainer set over a bowl and transfer the flakes to a blender.

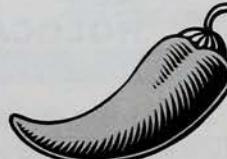
Add the olive oil, garlic, cumin, lemon juice, salt and pepper and process in the blender to a smooth paste, adding some of the chili cooking water if needed.

Adjust seasoning to taste with salt and pepper.

*Makes about 1/2 cup.*

*Harissa can be stored, covered, in the refrigerator for months.*

Jewish Cooking for All Seasons, by Laurel Frankel, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New Jersey, 2006.



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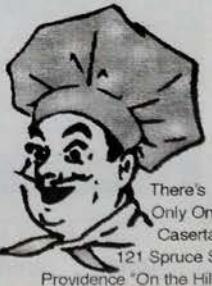
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# COMMUNITY

## ENTITY: Funds community priorities more effectively

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cies administering Kosher meal sites and Meals on Wheels, for example, and multiple preschool programs. To foster coordination and ensure that spending matched community priorities, the JFRI first shifted allocations away from agencies and toward specific programs and services.

Once donor dollars were oriented toward programs, not agencies, it made sense to talk about combining at least some of those agencies. That's also because with the growing complexity of their operations, it's become increasingly difficult for each agency to run effectively on its own.

Doug Emanuel, JCCRI board president, noted, as an example,

**"The move to a single entity was compelling even before the economic downturn."**

Economies of scale from combining will help in a number of ways beyond administration. But, Sharon Gaines, president of the BJE/RI, stressed that an even bigger opportunity lies in the freedom to rethink programs according to the needs of the community. Besides reducing outright duplication, the new entity will have an easier time creating a continuum of education and support, because there will be fewer organizational silos to cross. Program directors in this yet-unnamed entity will be able to cross-promote their offerings much more readily. Asked about possible downsides — other than the enormous effort to bring about the integration — the presidents pointed to the risk of

losing volunteers and donors who identified closely with the existing agencies. But they hope that the greater effectiveness of the new entity will help to excite the community around even higher levels of volunteering and giving. While some savings may be possible, the presidents agreed that the goal is improving results on the ground, not cutting costs. The recession has certainly added to the urgency for change — they mentioned Stoughton, Mass., which just closed its JCC — and said

that other communities have drastically scaled back on education programs. But they said the move to a single entity was compelling even before the economic downturn. They see it as the only way to strengthen the institutions' ability to grow in both revenue and offerings — which they say is necessary for the overall community to sustain itself in the long run.

If integration makes so much sense, why did the agencies ever start off separately at all? Here the presidents deferred to people with more experience. Melvin Zurier, a longtime resident active in many of the community's institutions for decades, noted that each agency started with a narrower mission and constituency than it has now. The JFRI, for example, began as the Jewish Appeal, focused on channeling money to Jews overseas



/John Landry

DOUG EMANUEL AND SHARON GAINES

and the fledgling state of Israel. Philanthropy has changed as well. The presidents said that that not only are foundations requiring detailed grant applications, but also donors increasingly seek transparency and accountability. They think less in terms of building up institutions and more in terms of impact on the ground. The shift from agency-thinking to program-thinking should make it easier to attract funding from a range of sources. Besides the three big agencies, the plan looks toward better coordination with other community institutions. The board of the Jewish Community Day School, for example, just indicated its willingness to cooperate more closely. The presidents also support efforts to help revive merger talks between Jewish Family Services and the Jewish Seniors Agency. Regardless of where these and other talks go, the presidents emphasized that some community agencies, such as the Hillels, will

always stay fully independent and separate. And the community will continue to fund specific programs at these agencies, as these programs meet community priorities.

What's next? The three presidents, along with their executive directors and a consultant, will be meeting in the next several months to hash out the details of the integration. They said they will rely on the insights of other community leaders in shaping the final result. There's an enormous amount of work to be done to combine the staff, governance, and assets of these institutions. They hope to see results from this process by Rosh Hashanah, in order to usher in the New Year with a more sustainable institutional foundation for the future.

John Landry is on The Voice & Herald's Editorial Board and the father of two sons at JCDS.



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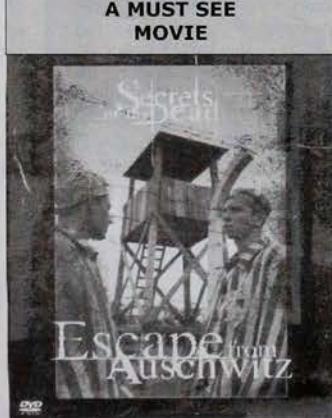
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## Passover food assistance

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"Last year, JFS helped more than 400 families at Passover, and our program was proud to continue funding for the community's traditional AIDS Seder and the Passover Seder celebrated at Temple Torat Yisrael," said Nancy Thomas Slack, JFS development director. "While funds are limited, we are proud of the support we give each year — one family to another."

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## Brown/RISD Hillel hosts Israeli film festival

**PROVIDENCE** — A rich array of films is on tap at the second annual Israeli film festival of College Hill; the festival runs from Saturday, Feb. 13, through Thursday, Feb. 18. The festival, a project of the Israel Committee at Brown/RISD Hillel, celebrates Israeli art and culture and opens audience members' eyes to the daily life, joys and struggles of a world thousands of miles away.

"Ajami," co-directed by Scandar Copti and Yaron Shani, has garnered international critical acclaim. A 2009 winner of the Wolgin and Ophir prizes in Israel, the film, co-directed by an Israeli Jew and an Israeli Arab, is set in Jaffa's Ajami neighborhood, a melting pot of cultures and conflicting views among Jews, Muslims and Christians.

Open to the public, the free screenings are as follows:

• "Ajami," on Saturday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. (120 minutes); MacMillan 117, Brown University, at Thayer and Waterman streets.

• "A Matter of Size," on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m. (92 minutes); Salomon 001, Brown University Campus Green, Waterman St.

An overweight, underemployed chef and his three close friends abandon their weight loss group to pursue sumo wrestling to reduce their girth.

• "Turn Left at the End of the World," on Sunday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. (108 minutes); Brown/RISD Hillel, 80 Brown St.

Jewish cultures clash in the 1960s when immigrant families

from Morocco and India become neighbors in a tiny Israeli village in the Negev Desert. They are brought together by the unlikely friendship of their daughters.

• "Summer of Aviya," on Monday, Feb. 15, 5 p.m. (91 minutes); Salomon 001, Brown University Campus Green, Waterman St.

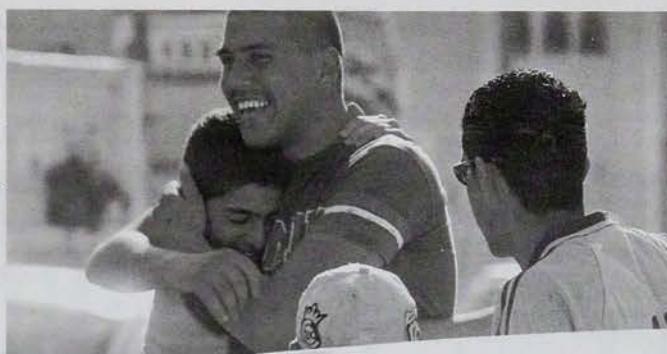
Set in summertime, 1951, this film depicts Aviya as a bright 10-year-old girl whose fiercely independent mother, Henya, is traumatized by her war experiences. Their affectionate and poignant relationship is told through Aviya.

• "Or, My Treasure," on Monday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m. (100 minutes); Salomon 001, Brown University Campus Green, Waterman St.

Winner of the 2004 Camera d'or at Cannes for the Best First Feature, this film is set in Tel Aviv where 18-year-old Or lives with her mother Ruthie, a long-time prostitute. A treasure, Or is also a very controlling young woman who desperately wants her mother to give up her humiliating job.

• "Tel Aviv – Jaffa," on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 5 p.m. (89 minutes); Smith-Buonano 106, Brown University Pembroke Campus, Meeting St.

In celebration of the 100 years since Tel Aviv's establishment, this



A scene from "Ajami"

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film depicts the city's remarkable, moving and humorous story.

• "Free Zone," on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m., (90 minutes); Smith-Buonano 106, Brown University Pembroke Campus, Meeting St.

Two women embark on a road trip after they are brought together by circumstances. Rebecca flees her hotel after a fight with her mother-in-law and hails a taxi driven by Hanna.

• "A Matter of Size," on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 5 p.m.; Salomon 001, Brown University Campus Green, Waterman St.

See earlier description.

• "Summer of Aviya," on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.; Salomon 001, Brown University Campus Green, Waterman St..

See earlier description.

• "Or, My Treasure," on Thursday, Feb. 18, 5 p.m.; Wilson 102, Brown University Campus Green,

Waterman St.

See earlier description.

• "Turn Left at the End of the World," on Thursday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.; Wilson 102, Brown University Campus Green, Waterman St.

See earlier description.

For more information, contact Brown/RISD Hillel, at 863-2805, or [www.brownbilllel.org](http://www.brownbilllel.org).

Sponsors of the Israeli film festival include the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Brown/RISD Hillel, Brown University, Consulate General of Israel to New England, Temple Beth-El, Temple Emanu-El and Brown University Department of Judaic Studies, among others.

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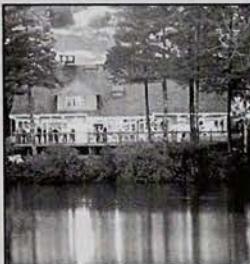
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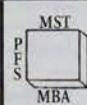
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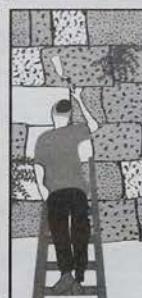
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# COMMUNITY

## REMEMBER THE PAST

*From the Archives of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association*

### Goldin memories

*From rebellious youth  
to minyan-goer*

By MAXINE GOLDIN AND  
ESTELLE GOLDIN ROSEN  
*Special to The Voice & Herald*

**I**N THE COLLECTION of ephemera in the archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association there is a letterhead and facsimile of a business card for Goldin Biological Laboratories, "Established since 1919." The reverse side of the card listed all the testing services available, including pregnancy and paternity, premarital blood tests and food purity. The owner was Samuel Goldin, an immigrant from Russia who arrived in this country with literally only the clothes on his back, a few coins in his pocket and an interesting history.

Samuel Goldin was born in Moscow in 1886. His father Zalman was a lawyer, one of the small number of Jews accorded that privilege. It allowed the family to live in the Russian capital.

Shortly after becoming a bar mitzvah, Samuel entered Trud College in Odessa, a Jewish-sponsored technical college, to study drafting. After earning his diploma, he was encouraged by his family to leave Russia to escape conscription, more probably to avoid the police because of his political activism. Armed with falsified documents, he left never to return.

Goldin made his way to Liver-



DAVID C. ADELMAN, BERYL SEGAL, JOSEPH FINKELSTEIN AND SAM GOLDIN carrying Torahs out of Temple Beth-El on Broad Street to be taken to their new home on Orchard Avenue in Providence.

pool and booked passage to America. The trip did not go smoothly. He incurred the wrath of a group of fellow passengers because he refused to awaken early to join them at the morning *minyan*. An argument took place. Goldin's suitcase, Trud diploma and the tools of his trade were thrown overboard.

In New York, Goldin found employment washing windows at the New York Post Graduate Hospital. When the doctor/director

of the laboratory noticed his keen interest in the work performed there, he offered the young man an apprenticeship. All the while, Goldin attended night school and obtained his citizenship papers. He rose eventually to head the laboratory, where he worked for 12 years.

At the request of Dr. Joseph Goldberger, a noted epidemiologist with the U. S. Department of Health, Goldin spent a year performing laboratory analysis in Spar-

tanburg, S.C. as a member of the Pellagra Commission.

During this time Goldin arranged for his parents and three siblings to come to America. He returned to New York and met and married Celia Chambers in 1917. They had four children - Betty, Estelle, Frances and Edward.

The Goldins' move to Rhode Island came soon after their 1917 marriage, and they came at the request of Dr. V. Lee Fitzgerald, who wanted his own laboratory at his medical offices on Thayer Street

"Samuel Goldin [was] chosen to carry a Torah from Temple Beth-El on Broad Street to the new sanctuary on Orchard Avenue."

in Providence.

Goldin remained with Dr. Fitzgerald until 1919, when he foresaw the need for medical lab services available to all physicians. He established Goldin Biological Laboratories, the first private diagnostic facility in the state. It was closed 50 years later, when Goldin retired.

A dedicated Zionist, Goldin organized Young Judaea in Rhode Island and served as chairman of the governing board.

It was a matter of great pride to Samuel Goldin to have been chosen to carry a Torah from Temple Beth-El on Broad Street to the new sanctuary on Orchard Avenue in April 1954. From a rebellious youth who would not go to a *minyan* on board ship, he became a regular participant in the *minyan* at the congregation. He died in 1976 at age 93.

*Maxine Goldin is the secretary of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association. Estelle Goldin Rosen is Samuel Goldin's daughter and Maxine's sister-in-law.*

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# SENIORS

## AS WE GROW OLDER Landmarks

*Life is a litany  
of lessons*

IFE IS FULL of landmarks. Some occur because of us and some occur in spite of us. They do not pop up on our calendars, but for inexplicable reasons we are suddenly aware of them. And though that does not necessarily

impact on our day-to-day living, they become part of the time ahead.

There are the obvious high spots in life — birth, learning, earning, marriage, childbearing and death.

When we are born and when we will die are landmarks over which we have (in most cases) no control. The individual and his or her family and community are certainly major factors in what we learn and what we earn.

So we come to life (welcomed or tolerated). Most of us grow. We go to school. We go to work and brave ones marry. We have children, most of whom are welcome. Some

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our parents and  
grandparents."**

of us prosper; others just survive. Some enjoy good health; others are victims of poor health that impact on other facets of our lives. And only one thing is inevitable: The how and when of life's termination.

Enough of the morbid stuff; let's get to landmarks over which we, as individuals, have some control. It is my belief that no matter how long we live, we never stop having the opportunity to learn. If we choose to, we can acquire a variety

of knowledge that can enhance our lives. And WHAT we choose to learn is mostly up to us. Whether it is knitting, golf or thermodynamics, it is there for us to master. What I regard as the most significant factor in the acquisition of knowledge is the landmark point at which we realize that the individual is more important than any academic institution in "getting smarter."

It's also important to realize that we are never too old to learn, and to knowing our limitations. (That is my justification for being unable to understand any form of science or math past the 10th grade level.)

At a more personal level, let's discuss the landmark situations over which we have some control. We did not pick our parents and we certainly did not pick our siblings. The significant time is when we are mature enough to accept our failings and assume responsibility for our own development.

Deciding what we "want to do with our life" is probably the most defining factor in our adult life. When we are 8, we want to be movie stars. When we are teenagers, we aspire to be rich and beautiful. And if we are lucky (and well-adjusted), we realize that we should be realistic. For those

who achieve that landmark, that is the real beginning of our adult life.

There are many factors that come into the acquisition of knowledge. We all go to grammar school. Nowadays, most

go to high school. And most finish high school. But as we leave our teen-age years, the responsibility for the future is mainly ours, despite an over-abundance of over-indulgent (infantilizing) parents, who may be indulging our own

unfulfilled goals. I have witnessed the college failures of affluent students and the outstanding successes of children who had little or no financial support in going for higher learning. Maturity is not a natural acquisition. And what we do with advanced education is the indication of effort to be independent and achieving.

I used to joke that the quality of a marriage was influenced by the "luck of the draw" and in many ways that is true. But now we are discussing one of the landmarks that we create. There are two people involved in marriage but each makes both joint and individual contributions to the partnership.

Certainly no landmark is more significant than the birth of children. Our expectations are enormous, our realism minimal. Pretty ladies have funny-looking kids. Geniuses can have autistic children. Despite all the warnings, we are not prepared for the exhaustion of the responsibility.

And then comes the zinger. We are eligible for Social Security. By then a good number of us have suffered significant illnesses, but we always felt that old age was what happens to our parents and grandparents, certainly not to you and me. Some go into denial. Hairdressers get richer doing 'dye-jobs'; and new gyms open to reactivate the bodies of men who gave all their effort to making a living, neglecting the need to activate their bodies.

A final (insulting) landmark is when we lose our independence because nature has turned against us and we require assistance from those we previously assisted. (Who said life was fair?)

It does not hurt to occasionally look at what constitutes living.

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## A readiness to obey

**Exodus 21:1 - 24:18***This parashah reminds us of God's continuing presence*BY RABBI ANNE HEATH  
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**I**N PARASHAT MISHPATIM we reach the pivot point of the Book of Exodus. Until now we have been engaged with the exciting history of our ancestors' release from slavery in Egypt and the subsequent revelation at Mount Sinai. In the following weeks, our Exodus studies guide us through the vision and building of the *Mishkan* (portable Tabernacle) in the wilderness; the narrative about which is interrupted for a few chapters to recount the episode of the golden calf. In *Parashat Mishpatim*, Moses receives laws on worship, slavery (or servitude, or servitude), property, moral behavior, Sabbaths and festivals. These laws immediately follow the Ten Commandments; enhancing and extending them into the mini-law code often called the Book of the Covenant. *Parashat Mishpatim* concludes with our ancestors' affirmation of the Covenant. Moses first brings God's laws to our ancestors, speaking all that he, Moses, alone has heard. The people

reply and affirm, "All the things that the Eternal has commanded we will do!" After recording the laws, Moses sets up an altar and twelve pillars (one for each tribe) at the foot of the mountain, where he and his assistants make sacrifices and offerings. (Exodus 24:3-6). For a second time Moses brings God's commands to our ancestors, reading the record of the Covenant out loud to all. The people reply and affirm, "All that the Eternal has spoken we will do and we will hear!" (Exodus 24:7) Not just "we will do" (*na'aseh*, in Hebrew) but now, in conclusion, they affirm "we will do and we will hear" (*na'aseh v'nishmah*, in Hebrew). Our Torah commentators throughout the generations make much of this apparent reversal of action, expecting, as most of us might, that "hearing" comes before "doing." Haven't they just "heard" what Moses said and then read? Aviva Gottlieb Zornberg, in her marvelous book, *The Particulars of Rapture: Reflections on Exodus*, writes about this reversal of order, of "doing" before "hearing," and considers it to signify "an uncalculating readiness to obey." She brings in the work of Emmanuel

Levinas (1906-1995, Talmudic commentator and philosopher, born in Lithuania and naturalized in France in 1930) who characterizes this readiness to obey as

cal Jewish interpretations and *Midrashic* sources, literary allusions and ideas from philosophy and psychology that pervade all her Torah commentaries, what

is our "take away"? What might "doing" before "hearing" mean for people like us in our day and time? The first way to understand this reversal of "doing" and then "hearing" is to make it the way we choose to respond to God's commands. Our commitment as Jews should engender a "readiness to obey." We will take what Torah we know already, however little or much that might be, do that Torah and then hear about it. What's there to hear? We need to hear how well we did the Torah we already know. When's there to hear? In prayer. To pray means to judge one's self. We can judge how we "did" the Torah we know.

We can be infused with holy words and struggle to converse with God, to make our sacrifices and offerings through the fixed words of the prayer book and from the words of our own souls. What else is there to hear? The next piece of Torah. *Pirke Avot* (Sayings of the Fathers) teaches about acquiring study partners and teachers, about learning a small amount of Torah each



"engendered only in relationship to the face of the Other." Hearing implies an acknowledgment of obligation to the One speaking. Leaving for more in-depth study Zornberg's vast range of classi-

day and about how each gathering, however small, requires words of Torah to be spoken. The Divine Presence dwelling in the *Mishkan* continues to dwell among those praying and studying Torah and continues to guide those doing Torah. Ask your rabbi, cantor or other teachers how the words "Divine Presence," "Mishkan" and "neighbor" are related in the Hebrew language. The drama of the Book of Exodus pivots away from redemp-

**"We must challenge ourselves and others in the continual 'doing' and 'hearing' of Torah."**

tion and revelation to preparation for sustaining God's presence among the people. God will continue to speak and our ancestors committed themselves to continuing to do and to hear. Through action, prayer and Torah study we acknowledge our obligation and commitment to the One speaking and our recognition of God's continual presence. We must challenge ourselves and others in the continual "doing" and "hearing" of Torah. I believe our very lives and souls depend on it.

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### The power and magic of a name

Fairy tales unveil universal life lessons

**I**N PRIMITIVE CULTURES, when people were considered more important than their institutions, a person's name became a sanctified possession, an embodiment of identity.

So holy was one's name, at times, that each person was given a widely used name — a street name — but also a secret name; so secret, in fact, that it was shared only among his parents and his Creator; and so secret, indeed, that if carelessly uttered aloud that person might instantly crumble and die.

One's personal name was then thought of as a key and a precious talisman to one's soul. A Christian peasant in medieval Europe customarily bore two names: one defining his role in village life as a miller or a fletcher or a carpenter; and a personal one, given at the time of baptism, and known to very few. A soul bereft of a name was therefore an excommunicated person, set apart from the community.

In Poland, Jews sometimes gave their newborn infants two names, one typically a common name; a banal name such as "alte" (meaning the old one) was often given to the newborn in the fervent hope that the Angel of Death would then pass over the crib, not bothering to visit. And how many Jewish mothers cherished an undisclosed, affectionate name for her child mur-

mured only in the privacy of the nursery?

The precariousness of an infant's bestowed name can invoke two sets of opposing feelings, both anxiety-laden. What can a poor, illiterate Christian peasant from, say, 14th century England — burdened by plague, periodic warfare and poor crops — possibly give to his first newborn? Perhaps his name, as a token of love and his abiding hopes for continuity.

Jews, in the Middle Ages, on the other hand, also burdened by extreme poverty and an unstable future, believed that bestowing a name derived from a living soul would constitute a profound threat to both donor and recipient: The elder because his personal name had now been infringed upon, and the newborn because his future, already precarious, is now burdened yet further by the social baggage inherited from the donor.

And in America, allegedly free of superstition and fanciful legend, the myth persists among Ashkenazi Jews: Never name a newborn after a living relative. Many Jewish children are now endowed with a common name, such as Megan or Kevin, to facilitate their societal assimilation; but also a Hebrew name, rarely uttered and inscribed solely in the child's birth-book and in the hearts of his parents.

There are many cautionary

myths, many deeply believed tales of the fragile integrity of personal names and their vulnerability to external manipulation. And the most secret name of all, of course, was the private

or *Elohim* or, the ancient tetragrammaton, "YHWH," and whispered reverently on sacred occasions.

What can fairy tales provide other than sedative bedtime stories for impressionable children? Certainly they convey deeper spiritual values and teach that retributive justice will ultimately prevail, that existential dilemmas can ultimately be resolved, that usurpers succeed only temporarily and that there are palpable advantages in growing up. And further, to quote the German poet, Schiller: "Deeper meaning resides in fairy stories told to me in my childhood than in the truth that is taught by life."

The Grimm brothers, in the 19th century, collected many German and Scandinavian folk tales, one of which was called "Rumpelstiltskin."

It is a Gothic story of a young lass who marries the king, based

upon her father's idle boast that she can spin straw into gold. The king then demands that she do so on penalty of death. In despair, she accepts the help of a strange dwarf, who exacts a Faustian pledge that she relinquish her first-born — unless she discovers the dwarf's secret name. At the last moment, she does so and, in fury, the dwarf named Rumpelstiltskin kills himself. A lingering lesson to be absorbed by this tale: Solemn promises can be broken, with good conscience and abiding faith, only if a near-impossible "unless" clause in the contract allows for the covenant to be bypassed; and cleverness may at times overcome evil.

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Dr. Stanley Aronson is the founding dean of Brown University's medical school and a retired physician. He can be reached at smam@cox.net.



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# OBITUARIES

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### Franklin J. Alberts

WARWICK — Franklin J. "Brother" Alberts, 77, died Jan. 31. He was married to Adele (Schechter) Alberts for 53 years. Born in Providence, a son of the late Harold and Gertrude (Alberts) Alberts, he lived in Warwick for three years. He had previously lived in Cranston for 48 years, and was a member of Temple Sinai. He was the father of Susan Mershon and her husband Rusty, of Cranston; and Nancy Keyslay and her husband Ralph, of Nashua, N.H. He was the brother of the late Roslyn Surdut, and the grandfather of Ilanna and Jacob Keyslay. Contributions may be made to the Roger Williams Medical Center, 825 Chalkstone Ave., Providence, RI 02908.

### C. "Janet" Berry

PROVIDENCE C. Janet Berry, 90, died Jan. 22. She was the wife of the late Melvin T. Berry. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Rachael (Abelson) Alper, she grew up in Rhode Island and lived in Las Vegas for many years. She was a member of the SPCA. She was the mother of Roberta Karp of Brockton, Mass., David Berry of Warwick, Brian Berry of Putney, Vt., Carol Berry of Putney, Vt., Diane Cerep of Cranston and Leslie Bubeck of Las Vegas. She was the sister of Myles Alper of Rehoboth, Mass., and the late Norman Alper and Helene Hill. She leaves 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Contributions may be made to Down Syndrome Society, 99 Bald Hill Rd., Cranston, RI 02920 or the RISPCA, 186 Amaral St., Riverside, RI 02915.

### Ruth Goldstein

PROVIDENCE — Ruth (Kravif) Goldstein, 91, died Jan. 21. She was the wife of the late Harry Goldstein. Born in Fall River, she was a daughter of the late Benjamin and Sarah (Goodman) Kravif. A graduate of Bridgewater State

College, she received her master's degree from Boston University. She served as a librarian at Temple Emanu-El and the Rhode Island Hospital School of Nursing. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and a member of Hadassah, serving as past president of the Providence chapter. She is survived by her children, Edythe Victor and Stephanie Heine; and her grandchildren, Marjorie, Louis, Lauren, Ilse and Maisie. She was the sister of the late Pearl Gans. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 245 Waterman St., Suite 306, Providence, RI 02906.

### Eileen L. Gray

BOSTON, Mass. — Eileen L. (Libman) Gray, died Jan. 21. Born in Everett, Mass., and raised in Chelsea, Mass., she was the daughter of the late Harry and Pauline Libman. She lived in Providence and Cranston for more than 50 years. A graduate of Mary Brooks College, she was a laboratory technician at the Lying-In Hospital and for Dr. Earl Cohen, a Providence pediatrician. She later became a telemarketer, first with her own business and then with Ross-Simons Jewelers. A member of Temple Torat Yisrael, she was also a former actor with Barker Players, a member of the Providence chapter of PFLAG, a longtime volunteer at AIDS Project RI and an active member of the AIDS Task Force of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. She was the mother of Robin Paige-Polishook and her husband Bruce of Newton, Mass., and Marc Paige and his partner Rene Barrientos. She was the sister of Bernice (Bunny) Pearson and her husband Melvin, and grandmother of Stacey and Lindsey Polishook. She also leaves behind her partner of seven years, Daniel Adler, of Narragansett and many family members and friends. Contributions may be made to AIDS Project RI, PO Box 6688, Providence, RI 02904, or Combined

Jewish Philanthropies, 126 High Street, Boston, MA 02110.

### Robert J. Hodosh

WEST WARWICK — Robert J. Hodosh, 84, died on Jan. 27. He was the husband of Sylvia (Zelnicke) Hodosh for more than 60 years. Born in Providence, a son of the late Nathan and Sadie (Golemba) Hodosh, he was a resident of both West Warwick and Lake Worth, Fla. As a World War II Army veteran, he served in the Aleutian Islands. He was a member, past president and past board member of Touro Fraternal Association. He was a member of Temple Am David and the Jewish War Veterans. He was the father of Helene Hodosh-Zaytounian and her husband Avo of Denville, N.J., the brother of the late Gerald Hodosh, and the uncle of Peter, Joan, Mark and Aey. Contributions may be made to the Toby Center, 9687 Pavarotti Terrace, #104, Boynton Beach, FL 33437.

his daughter Dr. Janet Roseman, of Boynton Beach, Fla., and his son

Dr. Mark Roseman, the director of the Children's Rights Council of Connecticut and a professor

at the University of New Haven. A World War II veteran of the Merchant Marines, he had served in Europe and the Far East. An entrepreneur in the wholesale gift business during the 1950s, he retired in 1992 as New England area manager from GTE Sylvania. Contributions may be made to the Toby Center, 9687 Pavarotti Terrace, #104, Boynton Beach, FL 33437.

### Abraham S. Snow

CRANSTON — Abraham S. Snow, 82, died on Jan. 23. He was the husband for 61 years of Evelyn (Bloom) Snow.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Esther (Sandler) Snow, he had lived in Cranston for 47 years. A salesman for Choquette Co. for 25 years, retiring 20 years ago, he was a World War II Navy veteran serving in the Pacific theater. He was a member of the former Temple Beth Israel, a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael and a life member of Touro Fraternal Association. He was the father of Dr. Joel Snow and his wife Marlene of Guthrie, Okla., and David Snow and his wife Karen of New York City. He was the brother of the late Israel and Leonard Snow and Raye Solomon, and the grandfather of Dr. Juna Snow Linkner and Benjamin, Jonathan and Ari Snow.

Contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

### Harry Roll

PROVIDENCE — Harry Roll, 56, died on Jan. 27. He was married to Patricia Meehan Roll, Ed.D. for 36 years and 1 day. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., to the late Sally (Sieederer) and Max Elias Roll, he also leaves a son, Gregory Meehan Roll, a senior at Roanoke College. He was a graduate of Rhode Island College, Northeastern University, and Suffolk University Law School. He worked as a social worker with DCYF and was a hearing officer with the Department of Motor Vehicles before becoming a practicing attorney in 1984, establishing a solo practice in 1991. He was a member of the Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and the American Bar associations. Contributions may be sent to Campus Ministries, c/o Rev. Paul Henrickson, Roanoke College, 221 College Lane, Salem, VA 24153-3794.

### Harry Weissman

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Harry N. Weissman, 64, a resident of Fall River, Mass. since 1980, died on

Jan. 20. He was the husband of Barbara (Kosydar) Weissman.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Milton and Esther (Sonion) Weissman. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Bristol Community College, and Rhode Island Col-

lege, he was a teacher at Morton Middle School. He was in the U.S. Navy and served in Vietnam. He was a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association, Fall River Educators' Association, the NEA, Congregation Adas Israel, Jewish War Veterans Post 168, the VFW and the American Legion. In addition to his wife, he leaves his children, Amy C. Doss of Cape Coral, Fla., Aaron J. Weissman of Virginia Beach, Va., Edward J. Weissman of Fall River, Mass., and Samuel D. Weissman of Milford, Maine; his brother Jeffrey Weissman of Fall River, Mass.; his sister Janice Rooney of Warwick; and his grandchildren Ricky, Amanda, and Macaya. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 931 Jefferson Blvd., Ste. 3004, Warwick, RI 02886 or Hospice & Palliative Care, 502 Bedford St., Fall River, MA 02724.

she had lived in Cranston for more than 70 years. A founding member of the Cranston Jewish Center, now known as Temple Torat Yisrael, and its Sisterhood, she was also a life member of Hadassah. She was the mother of Joel Westerman and his wife Alison, of East Greenwich, and Michael Westerman of Campbell, Calif.; the sister of Mildred Beatrice "Bess" Klaufer of El Dorado Hills, Calif.; and the grandmother of Amy, Julie, Rachel, Kate and Rebecca. She leaves 10 great-grandchildren. Contributions may be made to Temple Torat Yisrael Capital Campaign, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02905 or Home and Hospice Care of RI, 1085 N. Main St., Providence, RI 02904.

### Sara Westerman

CRANSTON — Sara Westerman, 97, died on Jan. 24. She was the wife of the late Jack Westerman. Born in Springfield, Mass., a daughter of the late Joseph and Sophie (Cohen) Braun,

she had lived in Cranston for more than 70 years. A founding member of the Cranston Jewish Center, now known as Temple Torat Yisrael, and its Sisterhood, she was also a life member of Hadassah. She was the mother of Joel Westerman and his wife Alison, of East Greenwich, and Michael Westerman of Campbell, Calif.; the sister of Mildred Beatrice "Bess" Klaufer of El Dorado Hills, Calif.; and the grandmother of Amy, Julie, Rachel, Kate and Rebecca. She leaves 10 great-grandchildren. Contributions may be made to Temple Torat Yisrael Capital Campaign, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02905 or Home and Hospice Care of RI, 1085 N. Main St., Providence, RI 02904.

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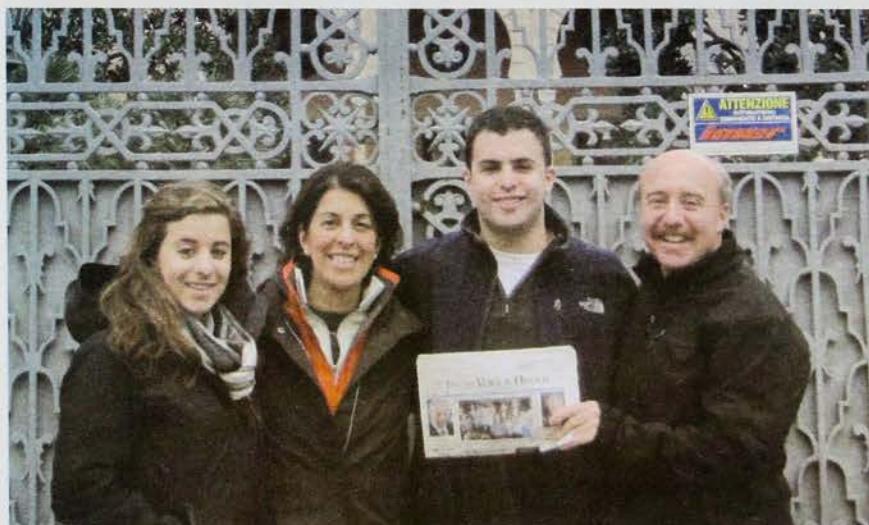


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## FLORENCE



MADISON, MARIANNE, DAVID and Alan Litwin show their copy of *The Voice & Herald* at the Great Synagogue in Florence. The family, residents of Providence, toured Florence, Venice and Rome. They celebrated the New Year at the Coliseum in Rome.

## An early reader in Orlando?

CINDY HALPERN (in green) visits her grandson, Scott Nankin, who holds a copy of *The Voice & Herald*. They were at Disney World in Orlando when the picture was taken. Scott, who is 3-years-old, lives with his parents, Robin (Halpern) Nankin and Ben Nankin, in Kissimmee, Fla. The family moved from Rhode Island to Florida in September 2009.



BROOKE, LEFT, AND Isabelle hold their new baby sister, Sarah Rebecca Beranbaum. The Beranbaum family – Neil, Randi and big sisters, Isabelle and Brooke – joyfully welcomes Sarah Rebecca, born on Jan. 9. Sarah is a granddaughter of Stephen and Francine Beranbaum of Cranston, and Stephen and Ronnie-Jane Konikoff of Norfolk, Va. She is the great-granddaughter of Hanna Konikoff, also of Norfolk, Va., and the great-niece of Beatrice Miller of Warwick.

## WEDDING



Island Convention Center in Providence by Rabbi Carol Mitchell. The bride is the daughter of Linda and Dr. Stewart Rosenfeld of Warwick. A graduate of Quinnipiac University, Beth received a master's degree from Southern Connecticut State University. She is a recreation therapist. The groom is the son of Sandra and Mark Bell of Roslyn, N.Y. A graduate of SUNY Binghamton and N.Y. College of Osteopathic Medicine, he is a physiatrist specializing in pain management.

The couple honeymooned on the Hawaiian islands of Maui and Kauai and make their home in Columbus, Ohio.

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